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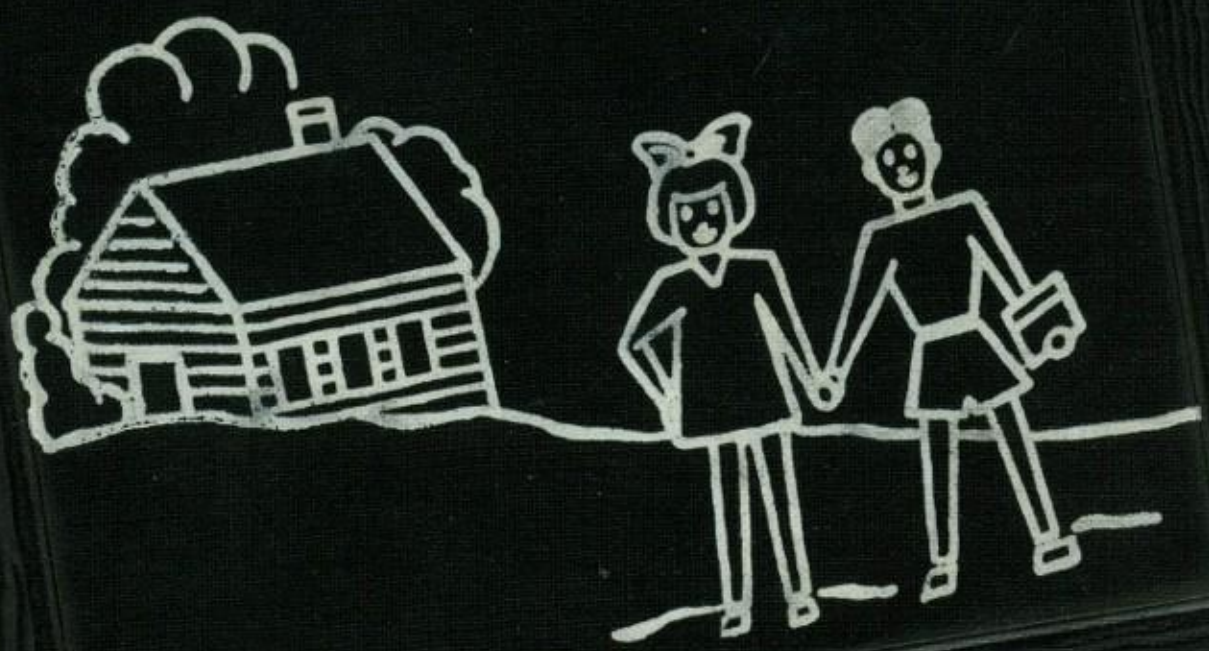

Charles Camio
Mualan High School

September 3, 1951

Dearest Chuck,

Don't faint! Get a good grip on a chair or something. This certainly is a fine time to write in your annual. Just call me "speedy." I hope you aren't disappointed. I know this certainly ought to be super duper. I'll try my best.

I'll begin at the beginning of 1951. You'll never know how pleasantly surprised I was the night of the play. After all, when a big sophomore talks to a little eighth grader, you can't blame me for being surprised. I honestly thought you were just being polite. The night of the "Football Banquet." Poor Alice. You really shouldn't have come over the second time. I can't blame her for being angry. By the way I was right. You had already gotten acquainted on the 17th. Look on your calendar. A certain party made a big mistake with the boys at a slumber party. We didn't have boys at our slumber party. I'll bet we had a much better time, even though I was "just a bit" a little too happy after an aspirin in my "pepsi."

I'll never know or guess how you ever put up with me as long as you have. I can't even spell surround. I certainly disappointed a lot of people. Even Kay Dixons' sister did better than I.

I can't understand why George (Mr. Ryan), think's he is doing you a favor putting you in the band. Will you ever forget that short little march through Allegheny and St. Mary's Cemetary's on Memorial Day.

That brings up another subject. I'll bet you felt all peppy. after marching and then the picnic. (You know where.) Your mother and Mrs. D. tried putty hard to get you and someone together. I'll bet they would have appreciated it, if I had gone into hibernation for a while.

I know you, Mom, and Dad weren't too happy about cheering. I was really very happy when I made it. I'm just hoping I can keep up band, cheerleading, piano, and school work plus other activities up coming this year.

I felt quite bad about the Prom, but that's as it is. Thank you for the early invitation. But remember you don't have to hold to it.

I know I'll never forget the school picnic. Four ten times in a row.

Everyone that as signs his (or her) name in our annual

AVALON HIGH SCHOOL AVALON, PENNA.

1951

JUDY CUMMING ..... Editor
MILDRED SCHLARMAN ..... Photo Editor
MILTON GASTER ..... Business Manager

season certainly was wonderful. Those basketball games. Boy! I'll never forget them. That tug-o-war game certainly gelled Avalonians

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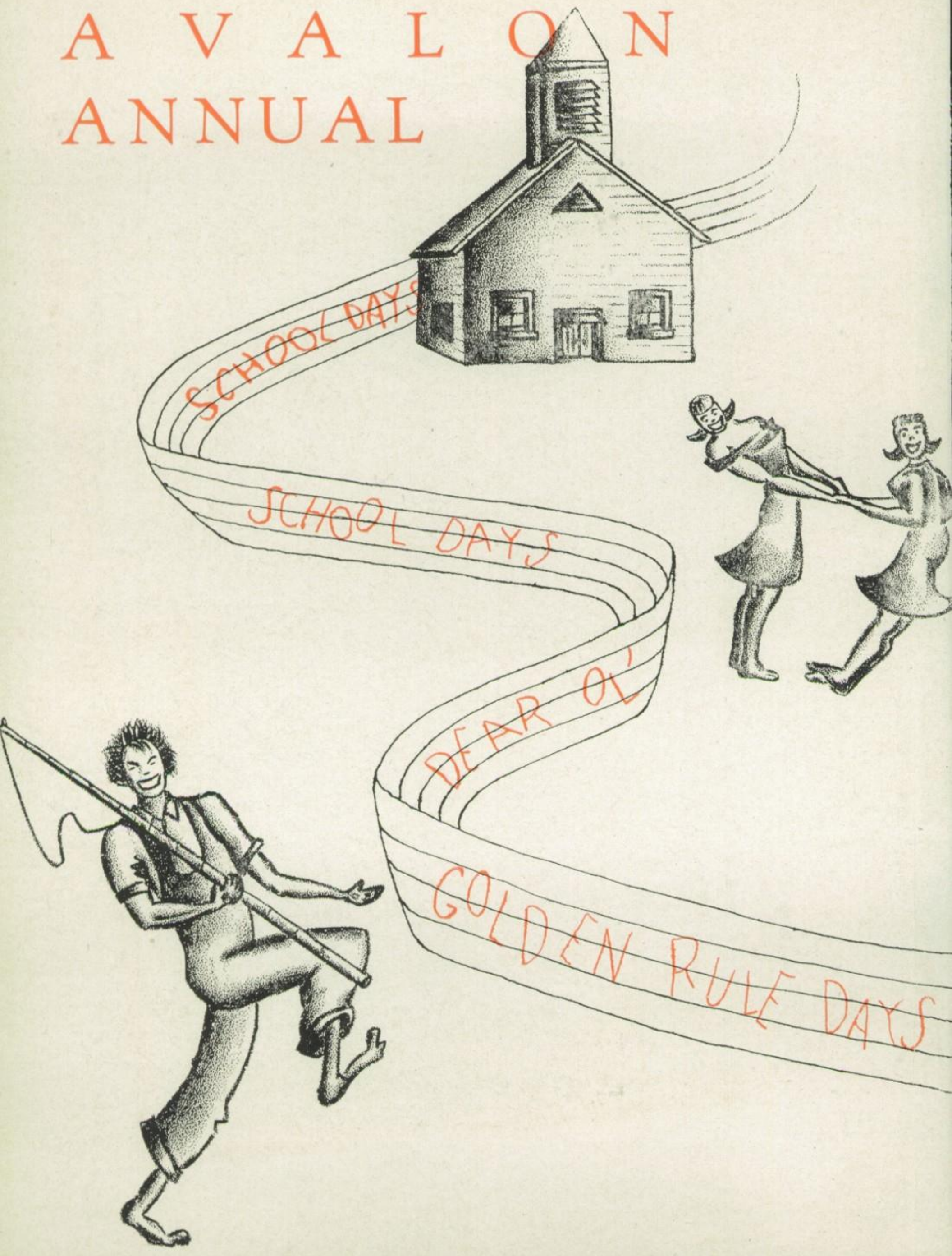
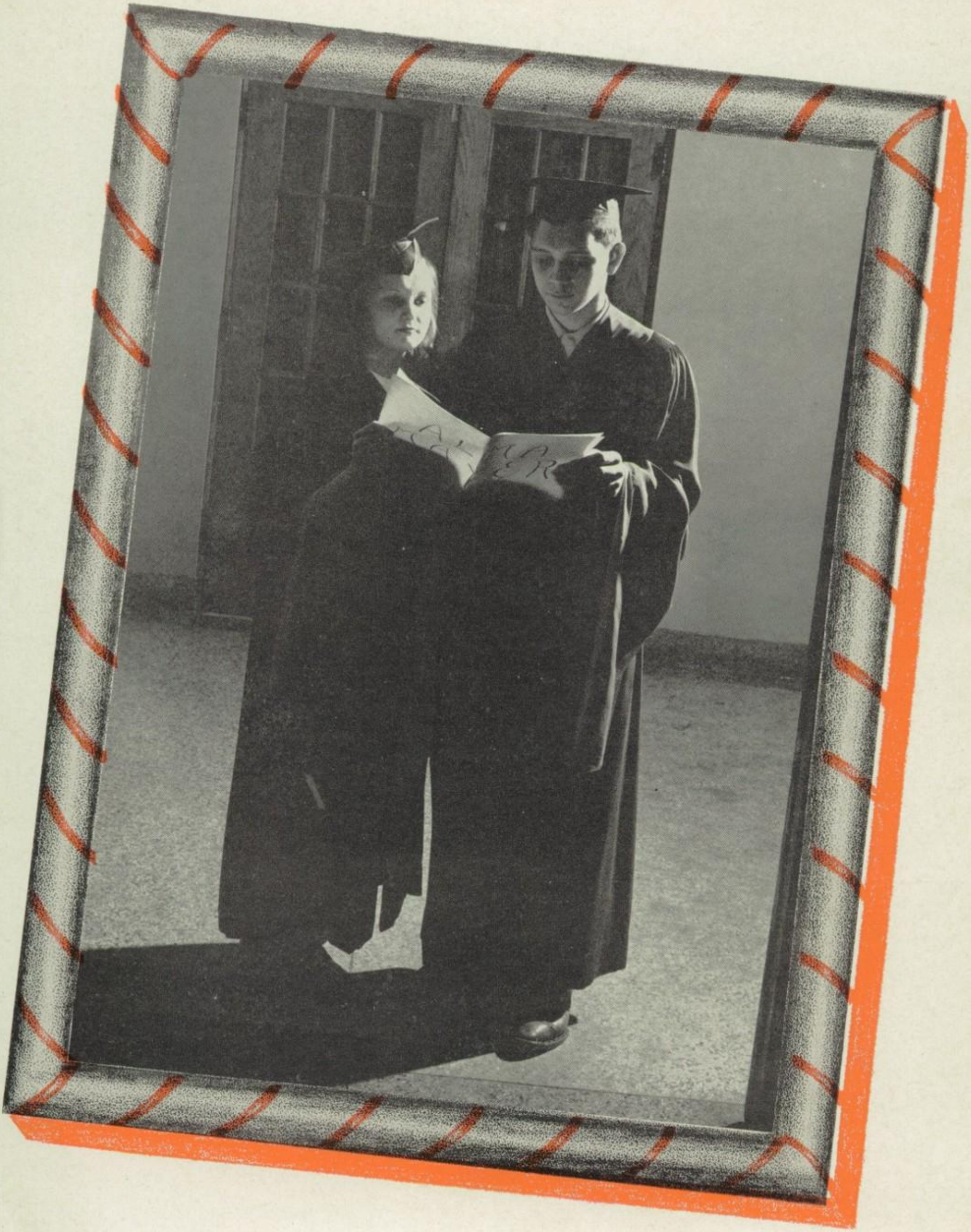
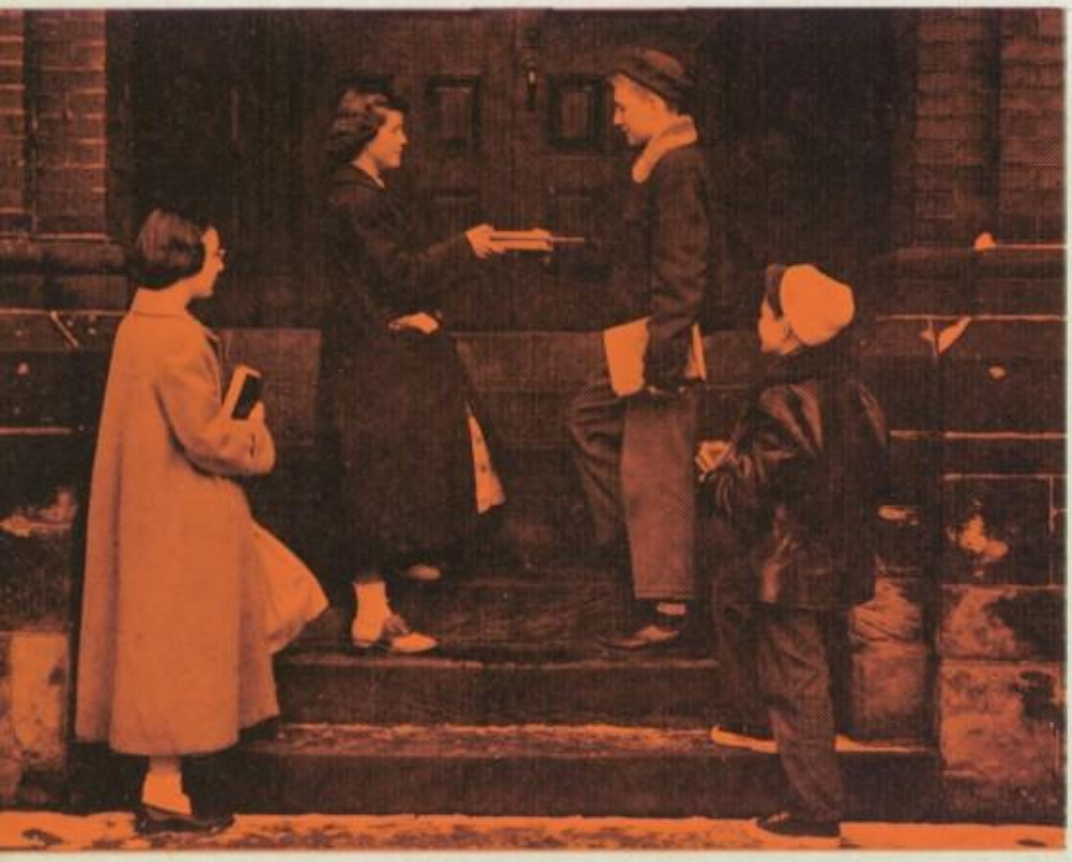
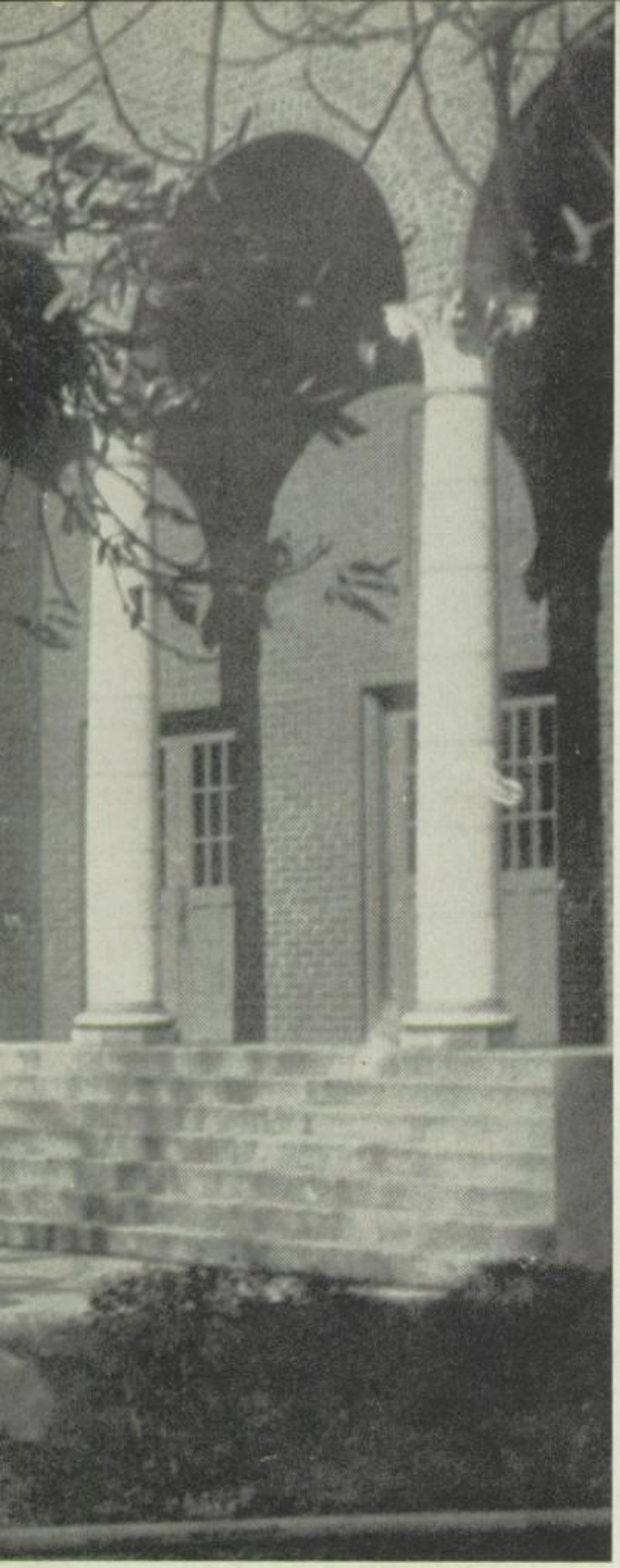








DEDICATION

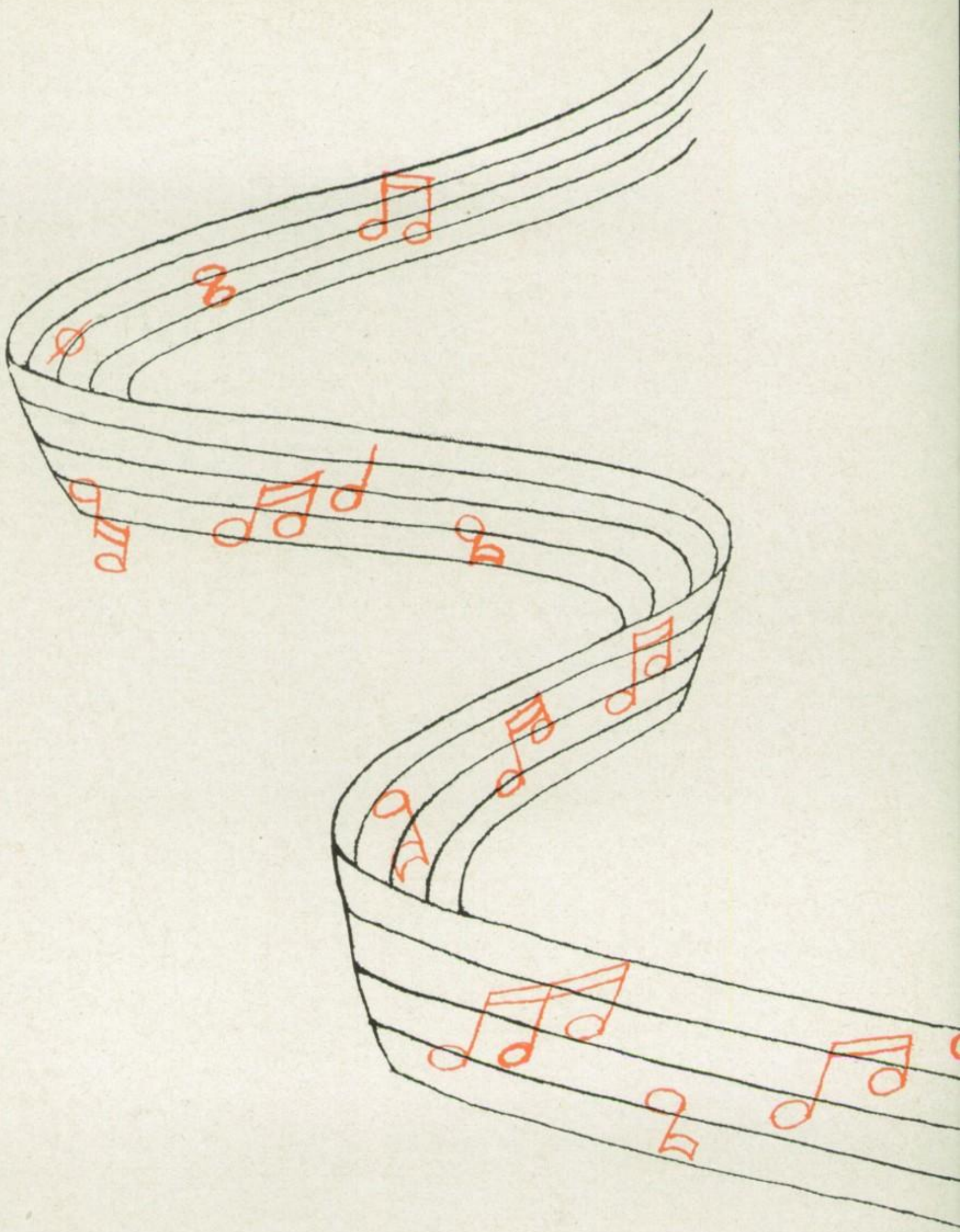
M. W. DAUBENSPECK
1879—1951

The Class of 1951 proudly dedicates this book to the late M. W. Daubenspeck in recognition of his honorable efficient, and outstanding work as a member of our school board for fifteen years. The loss of his judgment, counsel, and leadership in the conduct of school affairs cannot be measured or expressed in words. However, we hope this dedication, which is a record of gratitude, will carry his achievements to others who will also serve the community in as noble a manner as did Mr. Daubenspeck.

ENTER TO LEARN — GO FORTH TO SERVE

FOREWORD

Because of the color and gaiety of the days when the rattan switch and the pointed dunce cap were standards of education, the staff of the '51 ANNUAL has sought to recapture in this yearbook a fragment of that time. As you leaf through the pages of this book, imagine yourself in the days when the gorgeous Lillian Russel and Diamond Jim Brady were headliners in VARIETY, and John L. Sullivan was the national boxing idol. Remember, too, the hit tunes of the era—"When You Were Sweet Sixteen," "A Bicycle Built for Two," and "Shine on Harvest Moon." But first things first. Remember the old swimming hole, and the first plunge into the icy water in springtime. Remember the little schoolhouse where "old lady Pinney" inducted you into the hickory stick method of learning the verb "to be?" Return with us now to those unforgettable days of yesteryear—when from the oaken halls of Avalon come the stacatto of many leather cobbled shoes. Classes change again!



PERSONALITIES

Administration

LAYS THE FOUNDATION

Dr. Charles C. Wepsic
Superintendent

Mr. John R. Edwards, Jr.
Principal

Best Wishes to a Swell Boy
John R. Edwards, JR

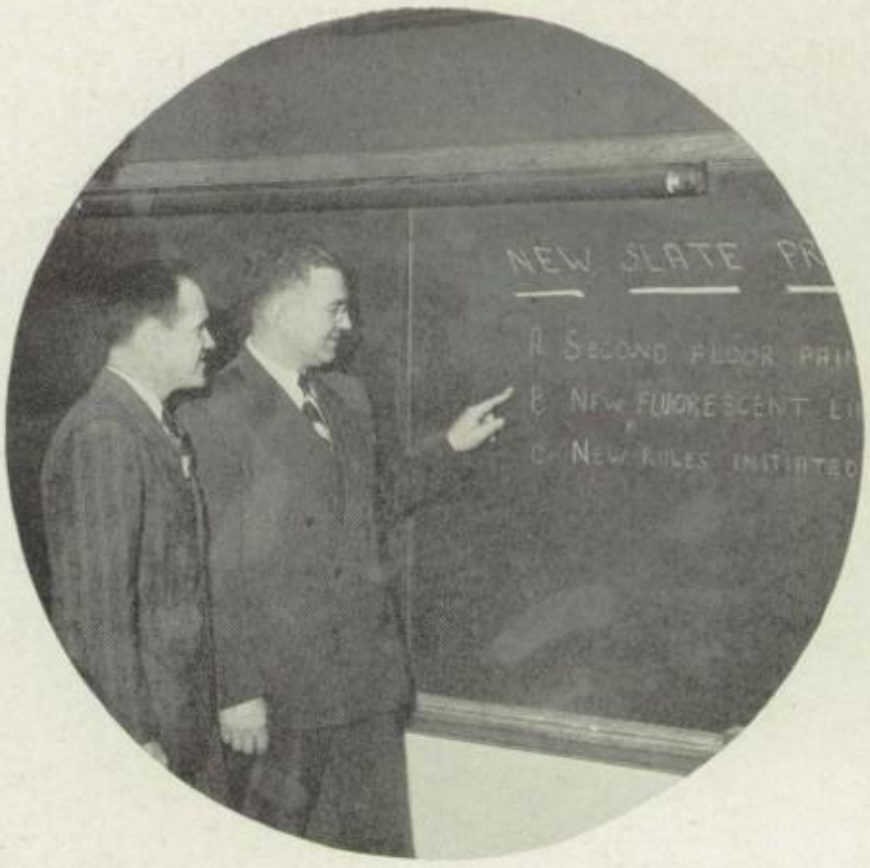
When the doors of the "little red school house" were opened on September 6th, the students beheld with admiration the new administration.

Dr. Charles C. Wepsic, our new superintendent, formerly of Brookfield, Ohio, was not a newcomer to the Pittsburgh area. Formerly, he taught at New Kensington and Shade Township High Schools, plus several summer sessions at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Wepsic proved to be both a companion to the high school students and capable director of grade school activities. Interviewing teachers, supporting the Parent Teacher's Association, and making reports to the school agenda, Dr. Wepsic found himself involved in several social organizations. The Doctorial Association of Educators, Phi Delta Kappa (an honorary educational fraternity), the American Association of School Administrators, and the Pennsylvania Association of School Directors and Superintendents, held most of his interests. He is also a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Avalon.

Many a lost or bewildered student was shown the right road through Dr. Wepsic's guidance or past experience with former students. He aided social organizations within the school, along with bolstering the morale of the football and basketball teams. Innovations in the school curriculum were introduced by Dr. Wepsic early in September. These new rules, accepted both by students and faculty, kept the school running smoothly and orderly during the entire year. The class of 1951 will always be grateful to Dr. Wepsic for his fine leadership and understanding.

The interesting new guidance program, which was conducted by Mr. John R. Edwards, our new principal, was well liked and remembered by all students of junior and senior high school. Mr. Edwards, who also comes to Avalon this year from Brookfield, Ohio, attended Kent State University in Ohio, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in education, and Ohio University where he received his Master's Degree in Pschyology.



Administrators set a new goal
Left to right—Mr. Edwards, Dr. Wepsic

Aside from conducting the weekly guidance program, Mr. Edwards conferred with senior high students concerning their future plans of careers or college educations. In every assembly, Mr. Edwards could be found issuing new instructions as well as rejoicing with the School's victorious teams.

His outside activities took up much of his time. Belonging to the American Legion, Principals Association of Allegheny County, Vocational Guidance Association, and the Pennsylvania Association of Secondary Schools, consumed much of his time.

Mr. Edwards was never too busy to help a teacher or explain rules to a student. Class officers could often be found in his office discussing their latest problems, and receiving Mr. Edwards' honest advice.

To both Mr. Edwards and Dr. Wepsic, the class of 1951 owes gratitude for the fine work they have done to make Avalon a better school for coming classes. Without their interest, the school year would not have progressed as well as it did.

Board of Education

"RULERS" OF OUR SCHOOL

C. D. Gray
President

Henry L. Betcher
Vice-President

W. J. Robinson
Treasurer

A. A. Thomson

R. L. Stevenson

Dr. R. E. Smith

Dr. T. Ewing Thompson

Disregarding the hickory switch, our modest schoolhouse boasts of a different sort of Board of Education. Led by the fore-sighted President, Mr. C. D. Gray, the Board made sure that every phase of school management was up to the par synonymus with Avalon. Mr. Gray was capably assisted by Mr. H. L. Betcher, Vice-President, and Mr. W. J. Robinson, Treasurer, the remainder of the board consisted of Mr. Thomson, Dr. Smith, Mr. Stevenson, and Dr. Thompson.

The Board rose to every demand placed upon their capacity by the changes made necessary by a new administrator. First of all, the Board showed good planning in choosing a man for the important office of Superintendent. After conducting exhaustive interviews with many hopefuls, and carefully weighing every applicants' good points, they chose Dr. Charles C. Wepsic, who met with the approval of all concerned. As principal, the Board selected Mr. John R. Edwards, a man with a great variety of experience in many fields, from sports to dramatics.

A vote of confidence by the students, faculty, and towns people is due this year's Board of Education, who have done everything in their power to set up higher on the list, our school's academic and cultural standards.

Faculty

IRENE H. AUSTEN
A.B., U. of Pittsburgh
Geography, Social Studies

STELLA L. CARDEN
A.B., University of Richmond
English

HARRY A. DENNISON
A.B., Allegheny College
M. Ed., Penn State
Physical Education, Hygiene

EDGAR K. GARDNER
B.S.
Indiana State Teachers College
Commercial

DUDLEY W. G. GORDON
A.B., University of Pittsburgh
History, Social Studies

ROBERT J. HARRIS
B.S.
California State Teachers College
Manual Training

EVA P. HOOVER
B.S., University of Pittsburgh
English, Speech

Eva Hoover

The Little Red Schoolhouse has grown to mean many things, but the true worth of the institution today rests on the shoulders of the faculty who lead us down the corridors of knowledge and open the doors of independence.

A very inexpensive trip around the world was enjoyed by Miss Irene Austen's geography classes. Wide eyes followed her as she told of far off and wondrous countries. Miss Austen also gave the students a background knowledge of Pennsylvania History.

Miss Stella L. Carden, with her friendly and lovable manner, guided senior high English classes through a very pleasant year. Her readings of inspiring poems and Shakespearean plays entranced the pupils.

The spark of our basketball team could not have been one boy, for the unexcelled coaching of Harry A. Dennison put a flame of energy into every one of the players. Gym and hygiene classes added extra credit to Mr. Dennison's fine record.

The business-like man about school was Edgar K. Gardner who handled A-Ticket with efficiency and ease. The courses he taught were sales, commercial mathematics, business law, office practice, and typing.

Dudley W. G. Gordon, with willingness and experience conducted the *Annual* staff to success in

You have been a good student, challenging E. H.

producing our yearbook. Interesting discussions in P. O. D., American history, and sociology gained for him the record of "a popular teacher."

Boys and girls alike were producing useful and ornamental projects in the shop under the skillful supervision of Robert J. Harris. He also aided the Hobby Club in their search for interesting pastimes.

Miss Eva P. Hoover ingeniously carried out her plan of improving the writing and speaking of junior high English pupils. Miss Hoover's junior classes enjoyed informative sessions in public speaking, and she led the "Travalonette" through a highly beneficial year.

Miss Margaret E. Hummel, aside from rendering friendly guidance in girls' gym classes, taught hygiene, sponsored the Girls' Athletic Association, cheerleaders and majorettes. The success of these clubs was solely accredited to Miss Hummel.

The increasing membership of the Future Homemakers of America showed the popularity of its sponsor, Miss Marion T. Jones. Sewing, knitting,

Faculty

DISCIPLINE "JOES AND JOSEPHINES"

Shop shared by girls
Informal practice
Countries—where are they?
Budding biologists
Secretaries in the Making
Anatomically—what are we?

MARGARET L. HUMMEL
Slippery Rock State Teachers College
B.S., University of Pittsburgh
Physical Education, Social Studies

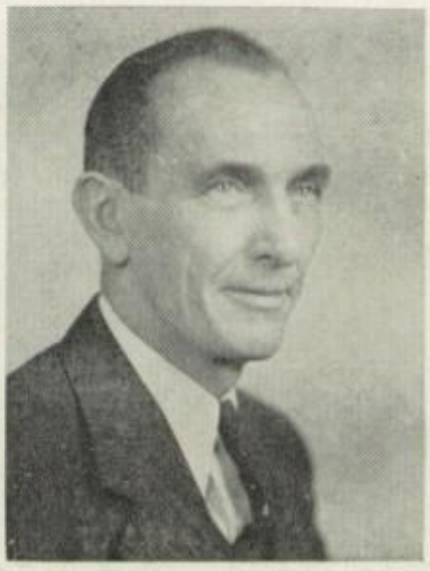
MARION T. JONES
B.S., Carnegie Tech
M.A., Carnegie Tech
Home Economics

MARY EMMA KEISER
B.B.A., Westminster College
M. Ed., University of Pittsburgh
Commercial

BEATRICE F. MOUGANIS
A.B., Thiel College
English, Social Studies

FRED B. McCORMICK
B.S., Geneva College
Temple University
Biology

JOHN W. O'ROURKE
B. Ed., Duquesne University
French, English, Social Studies



DAVID L. PARKER
B.S., Allegheny College
M.E., University of Pittsburgh
Sciences

LOIS B. PONTIUS
A. B.
Clarion State Teachers College
Librarian

JOHNSTON'S CHARTS OF ANATOMY & PHYSIO

IDA M. PRICE
B.S., University of Pittsburgh
Litt. M., U. of Pittsburgh
Mathematics

PEARL W. ROEDELL
A.B., Syracuse, Cornell
Art

HOWARD E. RYSER
B.A. of M.E., Carnegie Tech
Music

DOROTHY W. WALK
A.B., Seton Hill
History, English

JOSEPH J. WERTACNIK
B.A., Dickinson College
Mathematics

MARGARET E. MILLER
Office Secretary

DR. R. H. McCORMICK
M.D., University of Pittsburgh
School Doctor

MARY T. DAVIS
R.N., Presbyterian Hospital
Nurse

cooking, diet, and wise buying were the principles on which she conducted her classes.

Mrs. Mary E. Keiser, teacher of typing and shorthand, successfully carried out her many tasks as the adviser of Pen and Key. The student wolves were all disheartened when they spied her lovely engagement ring and later on in the year she was married.

The subjects of general science and biology were capably taught by Fred B. McCormick. Mr. McCormick also was adviser to the boys who had charge of the visual education equipment, and he correctly instructed them how to operate the machine.

Mrs. Beatrice F. Mouganis, who taught junior high English and history, devoted an endless amount of time to the sponsorship of the junior cheerleader and the Dramatic Club. Her most extensive project was the direction of the senior class play.

The position of teaching French, English, civics, and Pennsylvania history was competently filled by John W. O'Rourke. Mr. O'Rourke, also our Hi-Y sponsor, who formerly taught at St. Mary's on the Mount, was heartily welcomed by the students and fellow faculty members.

The football coach of the year, to Avalonites, was David L. Parker, who proudly paraded his team as O. V. C. winners at the end of the season. Mr. Parker proved to be an excellent teacher of physics and chemistry.

Miss Lois B. Pontius, school librarian, was always eager to help a student find material in our library, and she conducted classes in how to utilize the reference room correctly. She also acted as co-sponsor of the student council.

Arithmetic that puzzled the junior high students was clearly explained and demonstrated by Miss Ida M. Price. She wisely advised the Junior High Student Council in any decisions they had to make.

Few art teachers can boast as many rapidly developing artists as can Mrs. Pearl W. Roedell. Her room was always a bright spectacle, with numerous projects encircling the walls.

Diligence and preparedness were the keynotes to Howard E. Ryser's success in teaching band and chorus. He gave up many of his free hours to enable our amateur musicians in putting on their respective programs during the year.

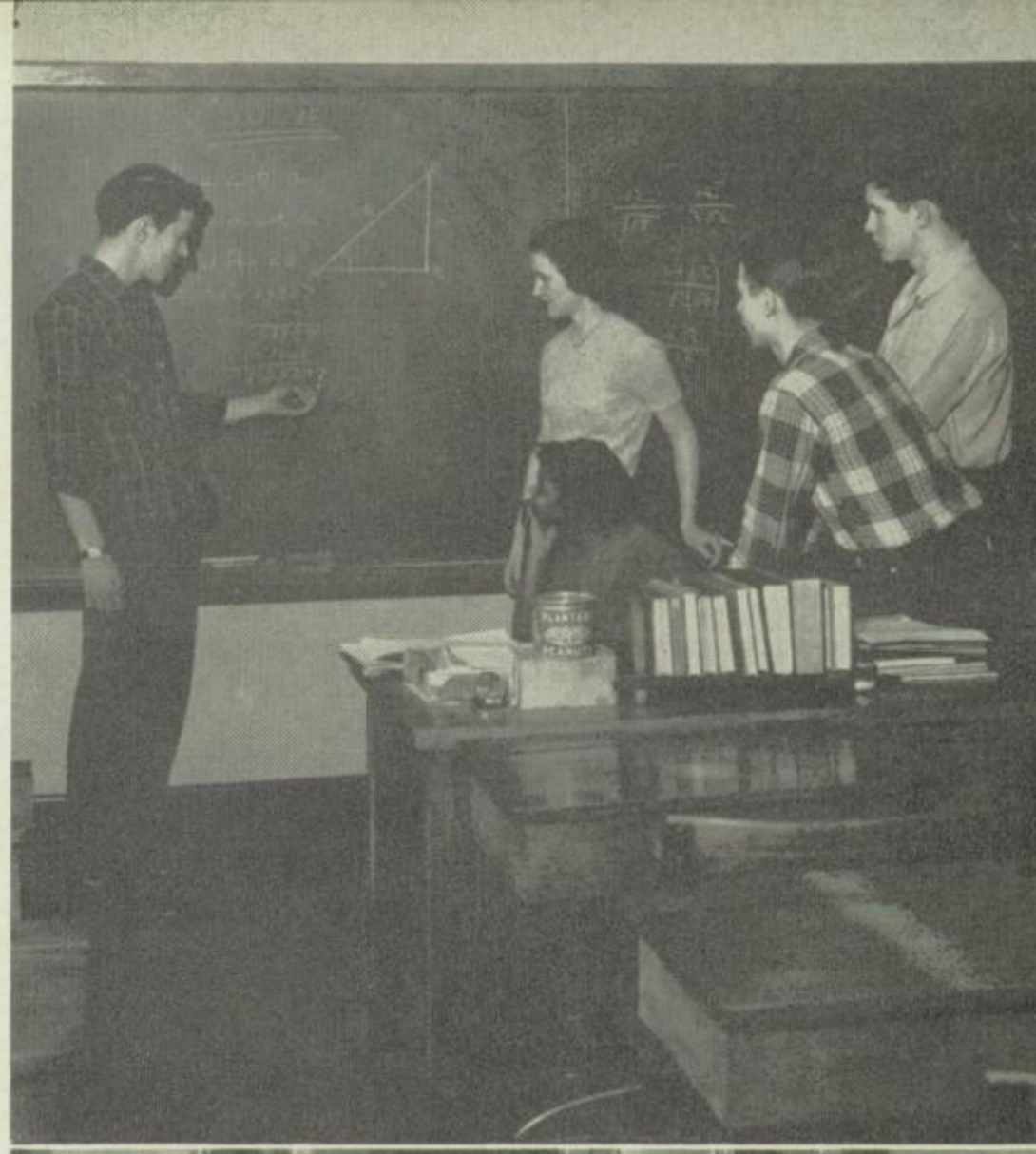
Mrs. Dorothy W. Walk kept a busy pace this year with her classes in English, Latin and history. In addition to her classwork, Mrs. Walk sponsored the *Travalon* and led the members through a year of literary accomplishments.

Joseph J. Wertacnik showed skill in teaching of higher mathematics. Students always considered Mr. Wertacnik a swell sport and his coaching of the junior high team was, to him, a pleasant task.

Constantly at her job of managing the office, Miss Margaret E. Miller proved to be an essential of the school staff. She helped the office practice girls with any unfamiliar problems which confronted them.

Many an ache and pain were carefully looked into by Dr. Richard H. McCormick, the school's visiting physician. His jovial manner and clever witticism made him popular with every student.

The vacancy left by Dorothy W. Whipple, school nurse, was capably filled by Mrs. Mary T. Davis. Not only was Mrs. Davis an asset to her profession, but also to the Avalon school system.



This one's a stickler!

Apprentice seamstresses

Reception line

Dreamy-eyed dancers

Grand March

Senior *Prom*

Student Council

Officers pay tribute to Alma Mater

Left to right: B. Kaiser, *Treasurer*; M. Moellenbrock, *President*; C. Kelley, *Vice-President*; M. Schlarman, *Secretary*.

RINGS THE BELL IN LEADERSHIP

It has been said that a government run by women would be very inefficient, but the high school student council, composed of all girl representatives except Paul Thompson, proved this theory to be false.

Presided over by prexy Margaret Moellenbrock; Mildred Schlarman, secretary; Brenda Kaiser, treasurer; and Carolyn Kelley, vice-president. Sponsored by librarian, Miss Lois Pontius, the council this year carried out many successful projects for our little red schoolhouse.

This year, the council inaugurated Avalon's first homecoming celebration, which featured Margaret Moellenbrock as queen. Being progressive, they initiated our school into the National Honor Society, held numerous informal dances, made up the school hand book, sold candy at basketball games, and planned a schedule of assemblies. To the student council, as in past years, fell the task of planning and executing the important May Day Pageant.

The council showed unexcelled capability in everything they undertook. They were truly the leaders of the school and their fine job is evident in the projects which they successfully initiated and completed.

The junior high student council, under the direction of Miss Price, regulated the affairs of the 7th, 8th, and 9th grades, and discussed suggestions brought up by the students. Leading the council was Eileen McSorley, and Norbert Maier as vice-president, Lynne Caddick keeping the notes, and Patricia Newell serving as treasurer, were her capable staff. The officers were representatives from the freshman class, "Travalonette," Drama, and Home Economics Clubs respectively. The junior high pupils proved, on council election day, that they knew who were their leaders and they trustingly chose them as their representatives in the junior governing body.

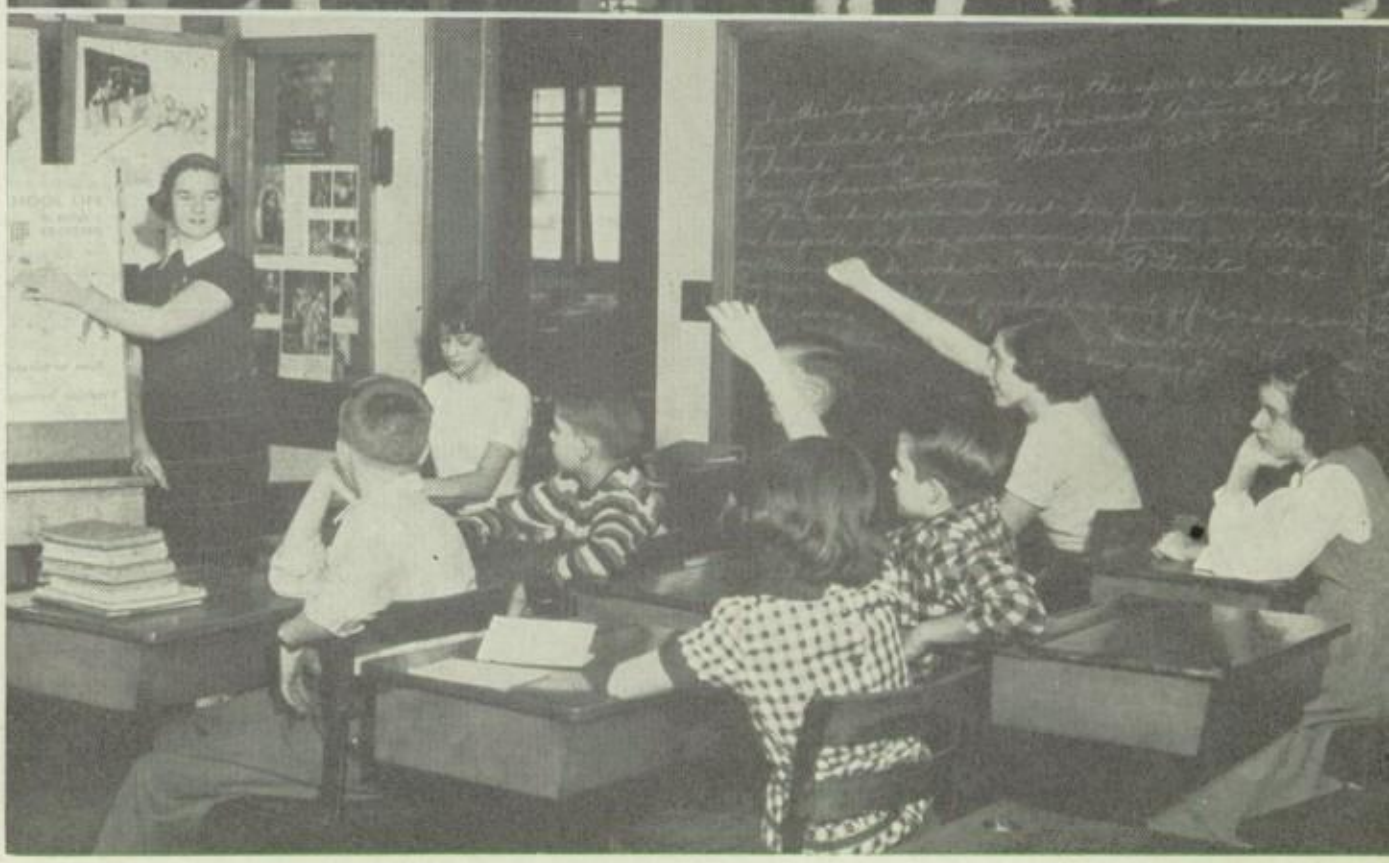
Lois B. Pontius
Co-sponsor

Comforting the Sick
Left to right: H. Norman, A. Stehman, J. Carter, J. Nicklas, P. Thompson, J. Reel, E. Burt.

Councils Hold Joint Meeting
Seated left to right: P. Newell, E. McSorley, N. Maier, C. Kelley, M. Moellenbrock, B. Kaiser. *Standing left to right:* P. Stevenson, L. Caddick, D. Seidel, R. Long, E. Burt, H. Norman, M. Schlarman, A. Stehman, P. Thompson, J. Nicklas, J. Carter, J. Reel.

Junior Council Discusses Problem
left to right: First row, H. Ferguson, P. Stevenson. Second row: N. Maier, R. Long. Third row: E. McSorley, L. Caddick, D. Askey, P. Newell, D. Seidel.

John R. Edwards
Co-sponsor



Outstanding Seniors

SLATED FOR FAME

Crowds poured into the "little red school house" on May 31 to behold the Class of 1951 who were about to receive their well earned diplomas in recognition for twelve years of physical and mental development. As speeches were being made, each mind began to reminiscence about the outstanding events of the past three years of senior high.

As timid sophomores, the class had learned the rules and regulations and then settled down for a year packed full of activities. The climax of this eventful year was the "Davey Jones' Locker Party." More confident, the class entered their junior year with plans for their highly successful prom held at the Shannopin Country Club. Dramatic ability of the class was proven by their play "Mother Is A Freshman" which was long remembered by all class members. All too soon the seniors found the last of their school years unfolding before them. First came football, followed by basketball and the class play entitled "Junior Miss."

As the strains of Pomp and Circumstance sounded, the members of the Class of 1951 left the portals of Avalon High School and stepped forward into the future as better citizens, backed by the motto, "Enter to Learn; Go Forth to Serve."

JANET HALEY—Y-Teen president, Travalon business manager, chorus, junior class secretary, A-Ticket, senior play, girls sports.

MARGARET RITTER—Vice-president of Pen and Key, A-Ticket manager, senior and junior class play, Annual typist, girls' sports.

MARGARET MOELLENBROCK — Travalon editor, Annual salesman, G. A. A., president of student council, band, cheerleader captain, homecoming queen, girls' sports.

RICHARD DOMVILLE—Football, basketball, senior class treasurer, junior play.

JOHN CALDWELL—Annual artist and photographer, football manager.

BRUCE MCGINNIS — Football, basketball, sophomore and senior class vice-president.

DAVID NUSZ—Football, basketball, Hi-Y.

JUDY CUMMING—Annual editor, Travalon, G. A. A., junior class play, junior class vice-president, senior class secretary, chorus, student council, cheerleader, football queen, girls' sports.

CAROLYN KELLEY—Pen and Key treasurer, chorus, student council, vice-president, Annual, G. A. A., junior class treasurer, junior and senior class plays, girls' sports.

GEORGE NEALE—Sophomore and senior class president, junior prom chairman, football, Hi-Y president.

Senior officers swing into class activities
Left to right: D. Domville, *Treasurer*; B. McGinnis, *Vice President*; J. Cumming, *Secretary*; G. Neale, *President*.

And she wrote on my slate

Janet Haley

Marge Ritter

Marge Moellenbrock

Dick Domville

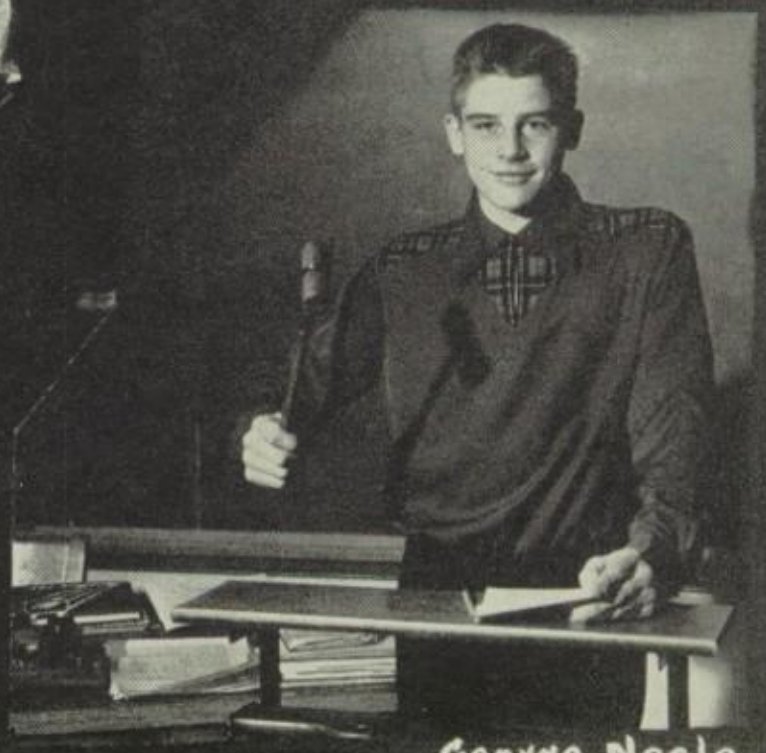
Jack Caldwell

Bruce Mc Ginnis

Dave Nusz

Judy Cumming

Carolyn kelley



George Neale

Seniors - "HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE"

ARNETTE, PAUL BARNARD

Barney's foremost problem in life was maintaining a passing grade in chemistry; cruising in the Chevy to Emsworth; and trying to sell more ads for the Annual than his competitors. His ambition—college.

BERNAUER, VELMA MAE

Gaining more confidence as her high school years progressed, Suzy made her senior year packed full of fun. She enjoyed girls sports and played with the finest attitude. Velma had a pleasant word for everyone.

BRINK, CAROLYNNE JUNE

Cuddy's main interest seemed to be in girls' sports, especially basketball. A member and staunch supporter of G.A.A., Cuddy was one of our most capable girls, a gracious lady who will long be remembered by her classmates.

BRITTAIN, GLEN

Although he was kidded quite good naturedly about his irregular attendance, Glen showed all the way when he made one of his profound scientific statements. Prediction—a brilliant future in science or as a druggist.

BURT, ELEANOR ANNE

"Ele" was famous for her fickle ways, but nevertheless she always seemed to have a date with a popular male. She was a cog in both the *Annual* and *Travalon* and portrayed charming Lois in the senior play.

CALDWELL, JOHN THOMAS

"Clarence," winner of the Jack Brice Memorial, class artist, and future photographer, could do anything well. Jack had to set up schedules of his time to comply with all the demands of his boundless ability—a dead ringer for success.

CARROLL, NANCY ANN

Nancy always had a friendly word and a smile for everyone, especially Dave. She was cooperative, enthusiastic, helpful, and she would undertake and participate in any project for the good of her class. Prediction—happiness.

CAYE, CHARLES M.

Chuck's car, the "Moe Caye Bouquet" bore the brunt of many wisecracks; however, it was all taken as a joke by this superior student and swell guy. He possessed the habit of becoming scarlet when teased by the girls.

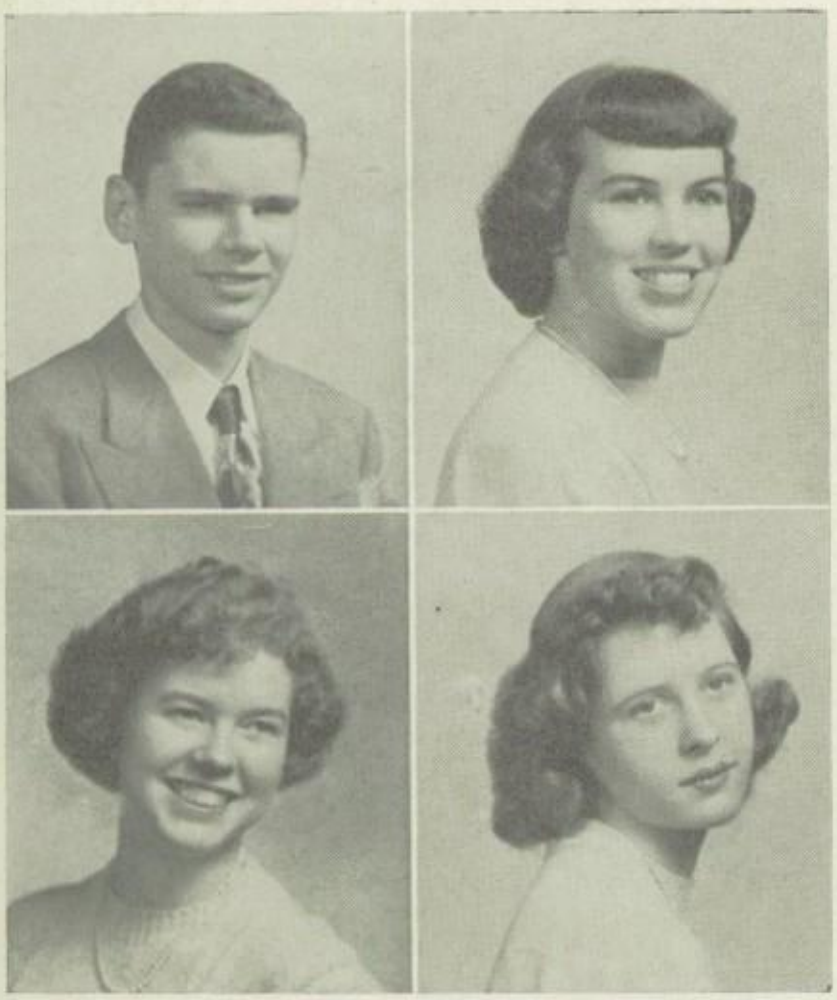
CLARK, MARTHA JANE

Jannie's chief ambition was to captivate the heart of a certain Naval lad. She will be remembered for her willingness and whimsical sense of humor which was as sharp as her outstanding athletic ability.

COLLURA, ANGELO JOSEPH

"Big" Angie's smile was his chief attribute and no one will ever forget his subtle wisecracks. He was a formidable figure in football and head manager in basketball. You can't deny that "Doc" was everyone's buddy, and he'll succeed.

Will Zn plus HCl liberate H_2?



CROWLEY, JAMES ANTHONY

Jim's policy was an easy going one. You might discourage him, but never count him out. Always eager to tell a joke, he livened up many dull classes. Jim was the expert on second conjugation of French verbs.

CUMMING, JUDITH ANNE

Whether leading a cheer or serving as editor of the Annual Judy's ardent enthusiasm always shone. Her personality made many friends for her, and the world beat a path to her door, for she perfected the "mouse" trap.

DAVIDSON, ETTA JEAN

Always careful not to hurt anyone's feelings, Jean was admired by all. She seemed to have more than an average high school maturity and was a lady at all times. Jean hopes to "tie the knot" after graduation.

DAVIS, CAROL ANN

Carol was the fashionable girl about school with clothes which she had made for herself. She could be seen out of school hoptying in Joe's accessory laden car, and in school she was a reserved quiet girl.

Shine it up nice and then we'll go for a hopty

DOMVILLE, RICHARD LEONARD

The "Dasher" was Avalon's field captain in football, tri-captain in basketball, and, in general, everyone's friend. All the girls craved his attention, but Dick possessed a like charge for a steady date, and you all know, like charges repel.

ERDNER, ROSE ANN

Rose's art work was to be praised. Even though she was shy she held interest in all class functions and also in a certain boy from out of town. You could count on Rose to do things well.

FISHER, DAVID A.

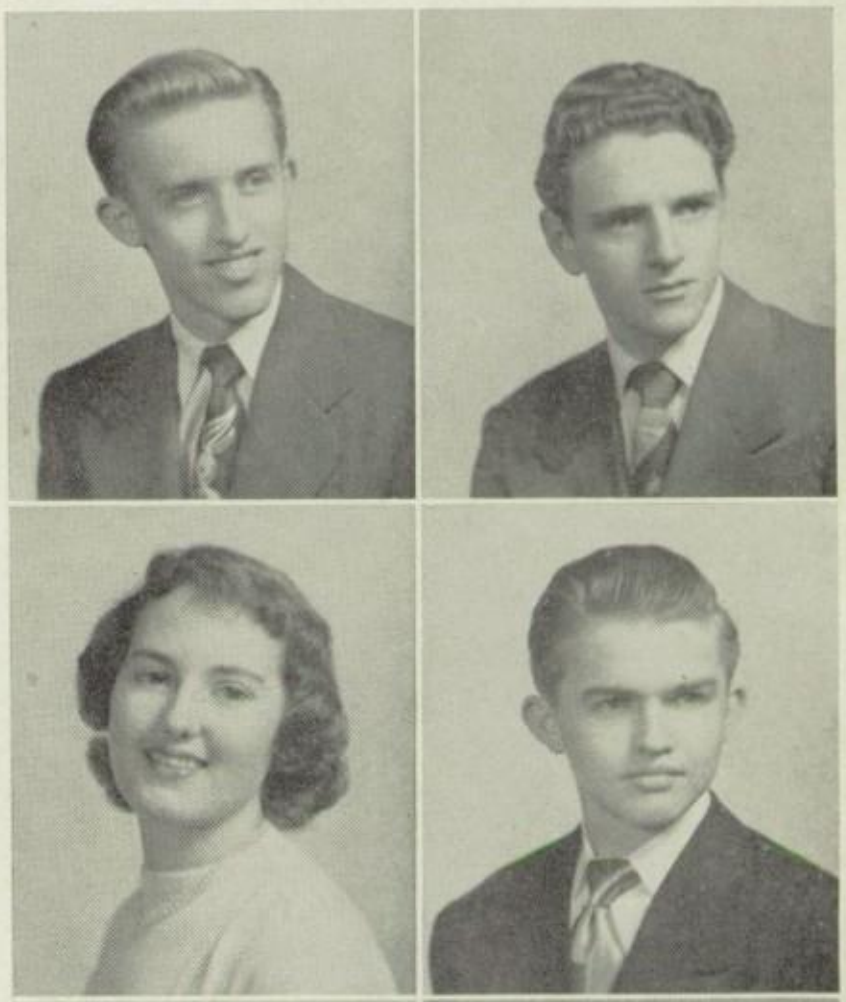
Dave enjoyed his car and Bill's parties more than anything else in life. He possessed a very fine speaking voice and the ability to mix with others. Prediction: a future in radio.

GASTER, MILTON HERBERT

"Perk" or "Herk" whichever you prefer, was the Annual business manager. The teacher's nemesis, Herk possessed a remarkable faculty for wisecracking anything from sales to Shakespeare. Look for him as a big coal tycoon in the future.

Chas.
to a great
catcher on
a great team
★ Dave 2nd Base

Seniors··· "ALL THOSE ENDEARING YOUNG CHARMS"



GILLILAND, PAUL THOMAS

Paul was termed the best dressed senior boy. Always active, Paul had a Packard full of 51'ers at class functions and, although he disliked to study, he derived endless pleasure in teaching the opposite sex to drive.

GREENE, HOMER

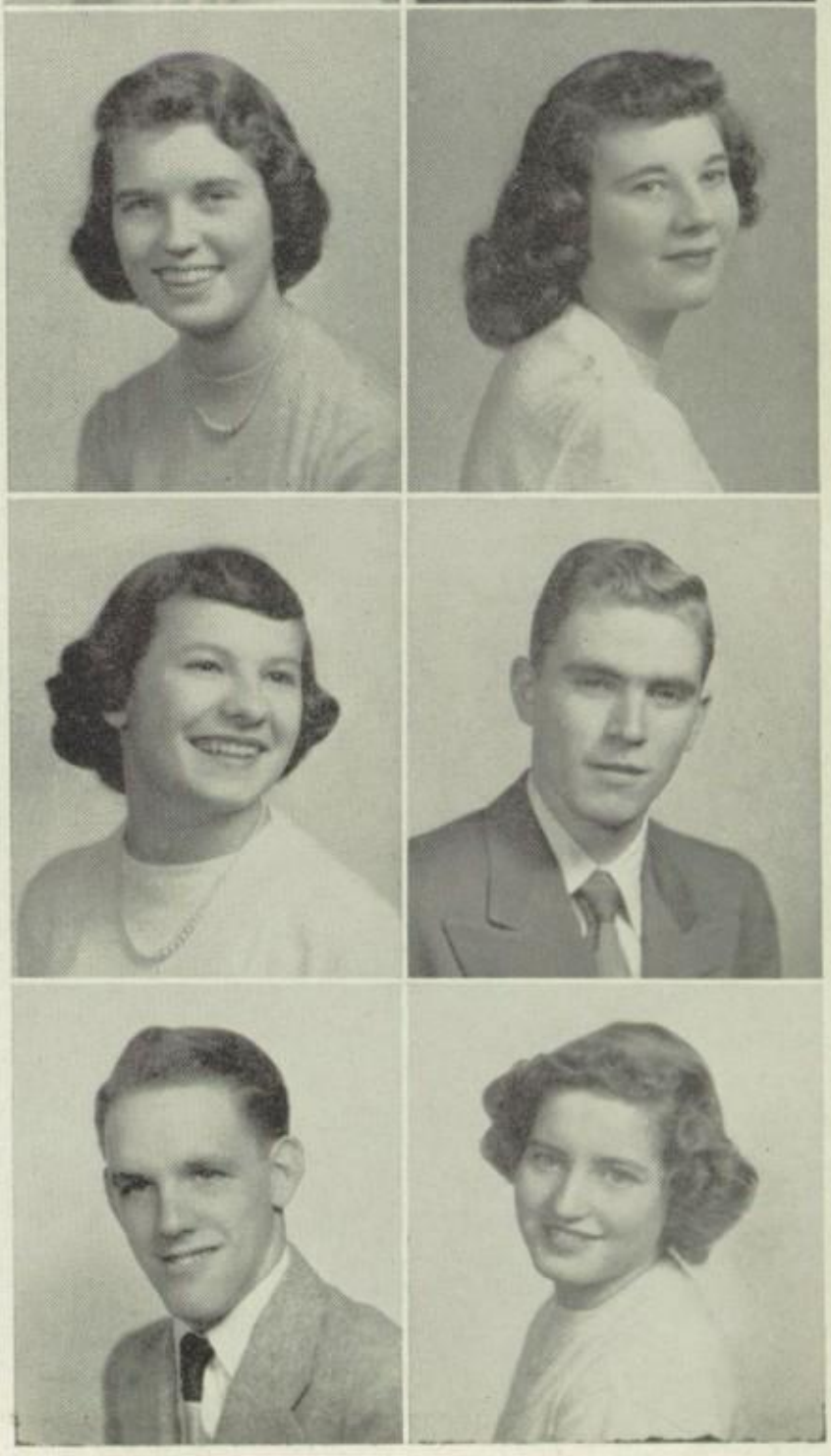
"The Gomer" demanded silence and deep respect when he stepped in front of an audience. Although the boys kidded Homer he could take it all as a joke. He livened up many class parties with his humorous skits.

GRIFFIN, MARGARET ANN

Peggy was the type of girl you find in almost every community. She was a tireless worker as Penn and Key president and a lady who was one more reason why the class was respected—Prediction: good secretary.

HAHN, WILLIAM CHARLES

"Uncle Bill" was known far and wide for his unintentional malapropisms. He liked to entertain the boys for an evening of television and was forever devising ways to make life enjoyable. Prediction: a bachelor.



HALEY, JANET

Jan was business manager of the Travalon, Bernice's buddy, and because of her versatile talent was on innumerable committees. The part of Judy's mother in the senior play was also an asset to her outstanding record.

HARGEST, BILLIE JEAN

A faithful chorus member and supporter of class activity—these were Billie Jean's main interests in school. Although she was shy, she made friends with the girls easily and was admired for her polite manners.

HEINE, JOAN DELL

Joan had a personality that was many times in excess of her stature. Possessing a finer than average voice and a dramatic flair, "Runt" always put her best foot forward. Prediction—a physical education teacher.

HENRY, ROBERT GEORGE

Whether Bob was working for the school or cruising in a car, he was never in a gloomy mood. Bob was always on the lookout to do anyone a favor and he had four years of carefree fun.

HOOD, EDWARD FRANKLIN

"Old Ed" really had his hands full as stage crew head and he often spent hours working behind the scenes. In his first year out for football, he made the varsity squad. Prediction—Ed's aim will be his achievement.

HUFFMYER, ELEANOR ROSE

The year of 1951 started as a bright one for Eleanor who received for Christmas an engagement ring. Most of her interests were out of school, and she proved to be a lady in school.

Seniors THROW AWAY THEIR DUNCE CAPS

KELLEY, CAROLYN ANN

"Carrie" could make herself and a play audience burst into tears at will. She was the class actress and one of the class little big wheels, for she never let any sort of success go to her head; she's "tops."

LONG, CAROLE ANN

Carole was a superior student and a quiet girl. She was one of the loyal seniors who was present at all class functions and showed efficiency as co-head of A-Ticket, and she'll make a super-secretary.

MCBRIDE, PAUL AUGUSTUS

Paul was Glen's buddy and unforgettable as the robust J. B. in the senior play. His access to one of the family cars plus his good looks made him popular with the girls out of town.

MCGINNIS, JAMES BRUCE

"Mr. Touchdown" was always a gentleman on or off the gridiron. He played all sports with the usual boundless ability. Bruce emphatically upheld the good "Nabor" policy and could always be found with Betty.

MEISER, SALLY LOU

Sally was always willing if someone was needed to help usher or serve at the school. Never complaining about the endless grind of school, Sally took everything in an easy stride.

MEISER, WILLIAM HENRY

"Geik" had a hard time telling his left hand from his right, so he said. Bill was extremely handy in the shop where he did experienced wood-craft and he probably had the highest income bracket in the senior class.

MOELLENBROCK, MARGARET LILLIAN

Ye old *Travalon* Editor, Prexy of Student Council, and Homecoming Queen were just some of "Lady Margaret's" attainments. Because of her radiant personality she was never in need of a date. Prediction—Hold my hand, *Nurse*.

MURA, MARIE THERESA

"Mary" was the girl with the fireball "Let's do it" attitude. Whatever was going on in the class, Marie was always there with bells on. Everyday Marie's smile uplifted her class-mates. She participated in every girl's sport.

NABORS, BETTY JOANNE

Betty's hobby was collecting things, but when she found Bruce, she stopped and settled down. One of the nicest and friendliest girls of the "C" section, she was well liked by everyone in her class.

NEALE, GEORGE LEWIS

In P.O.D. class, George had everyone in a quandry when he went on his frequent brain excursions. He was the "Renegade" in football games. "Iodine" was a master organizer, a true leader and capable class president for two years.

NUSZ, DAVID ALLEN

"Gin" featured among his desirable traits an affinity for sports. The proud possessor of seven varsity letters, Dave was an all-round athlete. His handsomeness, tall, dark, and tantalizing personality bewitched the girls!!

OEHMLER, BERNICE GERALDINE

Bustling activity was the food that "Boehmler" thrived on. When a chairman was needed for a committee, the teacher thought of Bernice first. Her great ambition is to become a grade-school teacher, a natural for her personality.

PAFF, THOMAS FRANCIS

"Bazooka" planned to buy McSorley's Colonial after graduation with his savings. A football injury early in the season got Tom down for a while but not for long. "Bazooka" loved cars, especially a Nash which he owned.

PATTERSON, ROBERT LEE

"Pasty" was a clothes horse and one of our senior football lettermen. Although he had forty teeth pulled during the season, Bob still won his "A". He was a good looking boy with personality.

Jannie strikes a pose for the class artist

NO MORE *Seniors*, NO MORE PENCILS, NO MORE BOOKS

PEDONE, MICHELINA MARLENE

Mickey was the Pearle Mesta of the senior class, with an alto voice that filled the auditorium with resounding chords. She has quite a future planned as an opera star. Mickey also made many friends.

PETERS, MARGARET LOUISE

Peggie was one of 51's most emphatic-minded senior girls. She praised our class to all and was hilarious when she chose to be funny. Peggie did a fine job in the literary field, because she has a big vocabulary.

RITTER, MARGARET ANN

Margie was another of our class actresses who had a part in both the senior and junior plays. Margie had a soft spot for a Smith named Don, and she was always seen with him. She'll reach her goal.

ROGERS, BARBARA ANN

"Blabsy" did her part to take the dullness away from every day school work. She was, at intervals, very studious and at other times as frivolous and fun loving as any girl in the class. Babs loved people, and "little Edgar."

RUSSELL, MARIE ELEANOR

Marie was shy and reserved except in girl's sports where she was as enthusiastic as a jumping bean. Many teachers had a high regard for her ability and Marie thought of everyone as a friend.

SCHLARMAN, MILDRED LOUISE

Millie, one of the leaders of our class, was also the president of G.A.A. She was class spirit par excellence, personality personified, and a charming lady, who will find her dreams fulfilled.

STEHMAN, ALICE MARGARET

"Allie" was one of the most hard working, capable, and dependable girls in the class. Her "A" average and the responsible position of *Annual* treasurer proved this. She had too much intelligence and personality not to be a success.

VOELKER, THELMA JEAN

Thelma's artistic ability could be seen in room 15 at Christmas time, where she always did a great amount of the work. She was a student with a fine sense of values and she upheld high standards.

WHITE, MARGARET

Margaret's life was incorporated with something which many of us lay aside. She realized that only what is done for Christ will last, and Margaret's every action was governed by that philosophy.

WILLIAMS, TEDDY ARDELL

Ted, better known as "Indian" was one of the mainstays on our basketball team. He always drove around in one of the family's Lincoln's and his favorite subjects were French, P. O. D., study halls, and *Some* other things.

You'll soon be vacating that stool for a junior

WOLFRAM, GERALD HERMAN

Jerry was new in the class this year but he caught on to Avalon's ways quickly. He immediately made many friends and took one of the major parts in our senior play. His last name was often his first?

WOOD, RICHARD BENEDICT

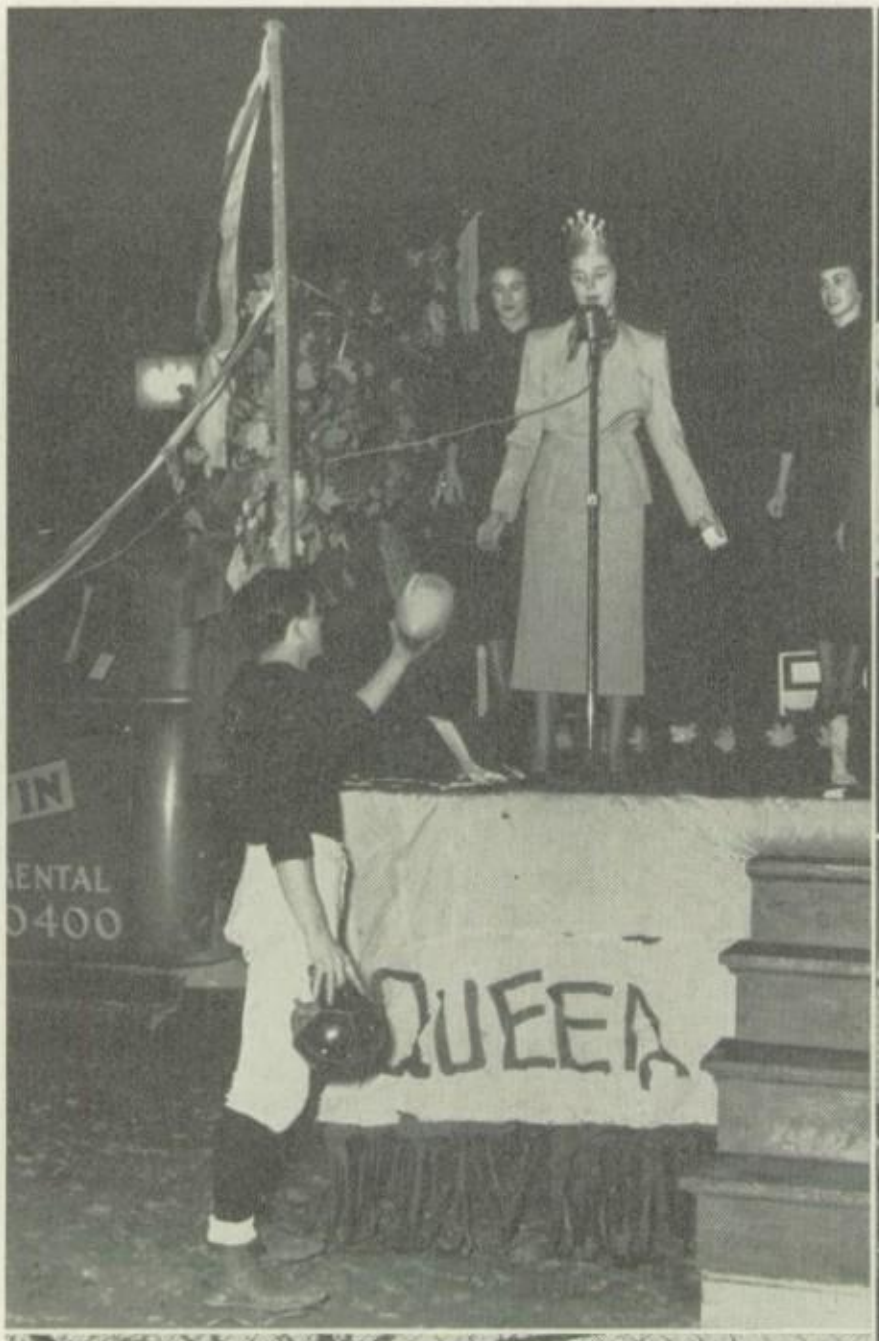
Bucket was the oratorical genius of the class. His sarcastic humor made some enemies but his friendliness and understanding made many friends for him. He had writer's cramp as Literary Editor of the *Annual*.

ZEWE, EVELYN IRMA

"Evie's" dark hair and big brown eyes sent many compliments her way. She was without a doubt, a tireless worker in school and at home. Prediction: a very much in demand nurse.

"AULD LANG SYNE"

A PAGE FROM THE



Homecoming Queen
bids good luck

Left to right: D. Nusz, M. Ritter, M. Moellenbrock, J. Cumming.

Sports minded seniors

Left to right: M. Moellenbrock, C. Long, B. McGinnis, G. Neale, B. Patterson, D. Nusz, C. Kelley.

Get those P.O.D. themes done

Standing, *left to right*: M. Pedone, D. Wood, E. Zewe, T. Voelker, Miss Pontius. Seated, *left to right*: M. Russell, B. Rogers, M. Ritter.

Stay back!
Dangerous Animals

Standing, *left to right*: M. Mura, J. Vogel, T. Williams, E. Zdinak. Top: D. Tobin.

Slumber party antics

Kneeling: E. Karhut, G. Pauley.
Sitting, *left to right*: S. Sprague, D. Wright, H. Geier, M. Dowsley.

FAMILY ALBUM

Hands off! He's mine.

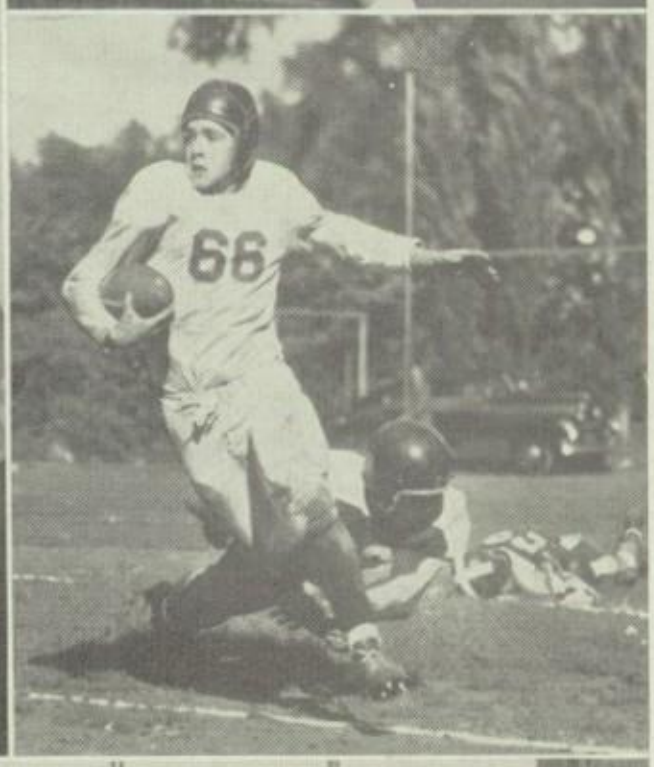
Left to right: J. Heine, D. Domville, P. Griffin.

Perfect timing

Standing, *left to right*: B. J. Hargest, E. Hood.
Sitting: B. Oehmler, S. Meiser, E. Huffmyer.

Sloppy spaghetti eaters

Left to right: D. Domville, D. Nusz, T. Williams, B. McGinnis, B. Patterson, G. Neale.



Don't let him stop you, Dick

Regulations, phooey!!

Left to right: M. Mura, S. Meiser, P. McBride, B. Meiser, B. Nabors.

Flashbacks of yesteryear

Standing, *left to right*: A. Stehman, J. Crowley.
Sitting: P. Griffin, M. Ritter, D. Wood.

Juniors

Sewing up plans for the prom

Left to right: D. Tobin, *Vice-President*; B. Beran, *President*; J. Betcher, *Secretary*; D. Baird, *Treasurer*.

Good luck to a swell kid. Never forget the fun we had in Chorus. I hope we have more next year.
Alice.

KEEP PRIMERS FOR ANOTHER YEAR

First row, *left to right*: H. Geier, J. Nicklas, J. Betcher, D. Wright, A. Somerhalder, A. McBride, M. Connolly, P. Fisher.

Second row: J. Reel, F. Monda, J. Carter, E. Karhut, A. Hay, R. Megahan, P. Forsythe B. Kaiser, S. Sprague.

Third row: P. Thompson, J. Vogel, R. Jacobs, T. Disher, H.Craig, F. Scialabba, B. Brown

Fourth row: J. McPherson, D. Tobin, R. Mayer, H. Sipe.

First row, *left to right:* S. Ford, M. Rupert, M. Kimmich, W. Huffmyer, M. Dowsley, L. Reiner, D. Russell, D. Zinkand.

Second row: D. Mawhinney, N. Newlin, S. Lawton, E. Bowman, S. Fisher, R. Seelhorst, J. Glover.

Third row: B. Beran, J. Wuenschel, J. Potts, J. Irwin, D. Kajawski, J. Schlarman.

Fourth row: R. Kochenbach, V. Sandberg, R. Brooks.

First row, *left to right:* B. McNanny, E. Zdinak, N. Gray, C. Roche, D. Smith, M. Casey, S. Quail, L. Burgert.

Second row: R. Boylan, S. Brendle, G. Pauley, A. Nash, N. Vaughan, M. Palmer, D. Baird, J. Hetzler.

Third row: R. Sorg, R. Thomson, R. Frenz, R. Mesloh, E. Sullivan, E. Peden, J. Armstrong, L. Gray.

The Class of 1952, led by Bob Beran, president; Don Tobin, vice-president; Jane Betcher, secretary; Don Baird, treasurer, began their junior year by announcing to the faculty as well as fellow students that they were "slated" for success.

In September, the varsity squad was strengthened by such football enthusiasts as Don Tobin, Ronnie Mayer, Jim Wuenschel, Don Baird, Chuck Sullivan, and Bob Beran, while Sam Ford, Harold Craig, Howard Sipe, Johnny Potts, Rich Frenz, Ray Sorg, Ray Mesloh, and Jerry Hetzler proved to be able substitutes.

In basketball, the team was also aided by such letter-men as Tobin, Mayer, Sullivan, Frenz, and Beran, plus a string of "hard fighting subs."

This class lacked nothing in school spirit! Jane Betcher, Jane Carter, Janalene Nicklas, and Eileen Zdinak made up four of the seven peppy cheerleaders who were always on their toes, while Sally Fisher, Rich Kochenbach, Alice Hay, Shirley Sprague, Jean Boylan, Brenda Kaiser, Nancy Newlin, and Jack McPherson improved Avalon's band.

Six of Avalon's "high steppers" were from the junior class. These untiring twirlers were Jean Reel, head majorette, Nancy Gray, Alice Ann Nash, Ann Somerhalder, Shirley Brendle, and Mary Lou Connolly.

The talents of Chuck Sullivan, Paul Thompson, Nancy Newlin, Margie Rupert, Jane Carter, Alice Hay, Sally Fisher, Jean Reel, Janalene Nicklas, and Dixie Smith were lent to the double octette and chorus. The chorus as a whole, was backed by a volume of junior voices.

The Class of 1951 vacated their positions in the "little red school house" certain that this class of energetic, co-operative classmates would carry the torch left to them by the departing seniors.

Sophomores POLISH THE APPLE

Stepping out to the sophomore party

Left to right: J. Woodburn, J. Platt, B. Marriner, P. Hartley.

Last year's "Baby Freshmen" grew up to become one of the most fun-loving, active classes in the "little red school house" in 1951.

This class forged ahead on the road to success by electing Lenny Wood, president; Norman Buck, vice-president; Joanne Dixon, secretary; and David Humphrey, treasurer.

They began their progress by placing future pros, such as Lenny Wood, Bob Toward, Don Hetzler, Norman Buck, Harry Culver, Dave Humphrey, Houston Woodburn, Jack Woodburn, Kerry Smith, Francis Barrett, Kenny Reiger, Richie Schleiden, Dave Montgomery, Dave Stewart, Joe Miller, and Don Marshall, on the gridiron.

In basketball, the Class of '53 boasted such fine players as Bob Toward, Houston Woodburn, Jack Woodburn, Kerry Smith, Dave Montgomery, and Don Marshall, who defended the preliminary team.

Literary work was the aim of quite a few worthy sophomores. Dorothy McBride, Cynthia Harvey, Virginia Carroll, Barbara MacGregor, and Joe Miller wrote clever news and feature articles for the Travalon, while Joanne Dixon, Charlene Stringert, Adell Parker, Jeanne Platt, Barbara Laux, and Pat Burkholder backed the paper by promoting the subscriptions and advertising sales.

Sophomore officers consult Mr. Edwards

Seated, *left to right*: J. Dixon, *Secretary*; Mr. Edwards; L. Wood, *President*. Standing: N. Buck, *Vice President*; D. Humphrey, *Treasurer*.

Chuck - lots of luck in the near future, good luck with Elizabeth
Pooch

"Thanx" Lots of luck in your Junior year.
Warren

First row, *left to right*: V. Carroll, A. Parker, B. Fay, D. Marshall, T. Hirsch, N. Buck, G. Kenney, E. Dowsley.

Second row: M. Waldron, J. Dixon, J. Platt, L. Schumann, S. Kramer, K. Wagner, D. Hetzler.

Third row: H. Culver, J. Woodburn, F. Barrett, H. Woodburn, B. Toward, P. Walton.

Fourth row: B. Mariner, C. Craig, P. Lehman.

Chuck best of luck in the future and all the best to you. Hang Loose
Lots of luck for next year
Ken Wolfe

First row, *left to right*: H. Norman, R. Schleiden, J. Miller, R. Haring, P. Hartley, D. McBride, B. MacGregor, C. Harvey.

Second row: V. Houston, S. Kaiser, P. Burkholder, C. Stringert, K. Wolfe, K. Smith.

Third row: D. Montgomery, K. Reiger, D. Stewart, W. Gilliland, L. Wood, D. Humphrey, W. Beatty.

To a smart boy who tries to help all, lots of luck Dick

In the music field, a few of their members added to the volume of the band. These were Buddy Mariner, Dave Humphrey, Kenny Reiger, Joe Miller, and Dave Montgomery, while the other musically inclined students participated in chorus activities.

November 17 found the entire class gathered in the gym for the annual Sophomore party. Their theme "A Night Club" was cleverly carried out with a floor show, in charge of Paul Lehman, refreshments, and decorations denoting the surroundings of a night club.

Participation in girl's sports, as well as boy's, was another commendable project of the Class of 1953. Such hockey stars as Charlene Stringert, Jeanne Platt, and Barbara Laux, will never be forgotten, nor will the efforts of Dorothy McBride, Virginia Carroll, Laura White, Patty Burkholder, or Phyllis Hartley, which led their class to glory in basketball, volleyball, softball.

Lots of luck kid
Dick

Keeping the wheels turning in purely social organizations of the school were Ellen Dowsley, Mary Waldron, Barbara Fay, Cynthia Harvey, and Adell Parker, always willing to lend a helping hand to aid Pen and Key or Y-Teens.

And so, on "Move-up Day," this promising class assured the faculty and upper classmen repeated success as even better citizens in their remaining years at Avalon High School.

Chuck
you just
came this
year but
you're in
the swing
Good luck
Phyllis

So Chuck
a swell kid
who has helped
me a lot.
Jane

Ninth Grade

First row, *left to right*: A. Maruca, J. Reel, R. Goodwin, F. Schoeppner, L. Lynn, H. Betcher, J. Gloeckner, N. Maier, F. Sofranko.

Second row: S. McPherson, R. Grande, M. Moakley, M. Staudmaier, J. Steck, J. Kalin, E. Nabors, E. Koehl.

Third row: G. Adams, E. McSorley, J. Redshaw, J. Messmer, J. Rice, C. Spangler, J. Gatchell.

Fourth row: J. Wolff, J. Wuenschel, C. Thompson, D. Wood, V. LoPresti.

First row, *left to right*: G. Beck, R. Short E. Messmer, S. Wooten, M. Russell, J. Seelhorst, D. Lehman, R. Little.

Second row: R. Casey, B. Keir, N. Clarke, C. Laaut, J. Bahm, P. Senk, J. Beatty, G. Getz, J. Henry.

Third row: E. Barney, J. Paff, H. Fitzsimmons, P. Newell, C. Tredway, B. Parker, M. Pemberton, J. Beatty.

Fourth row: M. Bailey, J. Gerber, D. Sullivan, C. Wilcoxen, W. Fitzpatrick, D. Millin, R. Frauman, C. Kaercher.

Fifth row: J. Sorg, R. Quigley, J. Hubert.

Toting books and pencils, dusting erasers, and general apple polishing was old stuff to the freshmen. They knew a good thing when they saw it and they saw that sports should be first on the list of every good Avalonite. First on the sports schedule was football and the freshmen saw Henry Betcher, John Gatchell, Jack Gerber, Don Sullivan, Jack Wuenschel, and Fred Schoeppner pounding it out on the field. Basketball was next and Jack Wuenschel, Ray Quigley, Jack Gerber, Ed Barney, Craig Thomson, John Gatchell, George Beck, John Hubert, Warren Fitzpatrick, Ray Short, Norbert Maier, Fred Schoeppner, Henry Betcher, Jack Beatty, and Jim Gloechner dribbled, passed, and shot their way through the season. Janice Bahm, Joyce Reel, Barbara Parker, Shirley McPherson, Joy Steck, Joanne Seelhorst, and Carolyn Laatu cheered the team on to victory. Jayne Redshaw filled the office of freshmen president and Eileen McSorley was Student Council Prexy.

All in all, the class showed versatile ability and should be chalked up as excellent senior high material.

Eighth Grade

The Eighth graders opened their notebooks to a new school year, the second one in junior high for them, and saw that they had learned a lot since their first trip to the building.

No one was timid or needed any coaxing to participate in the junior high clubs, and boys and girls alike took an active part in organizing and up-keep of these extra-curricular activities.

Six boys from the eighth grade put their bid in for the basketball team. They were Richard Bruckman, Hugh Ferguson, Charles Klien, Robert Long, Robert Maringo, and William Martin.

Lending their talent to the junior high football games were Dick Mountcastle, and Billy Toward who played a rough and tumble game and endured the tiring practice sessions throughout the football season.

Chalking up the names of the room presidents, the students decided that they had been chosen wisely. Representing room 28 was Robert Long, and the president of room 29, was Hugh Ferguson.

First row, *left to right:* J. Seager, D. Hick, W. Martin, S. Meadowcroft, J. Ritter, C. Kline, D. Askey, J. Miller.

Second row: L. Johnson, P. Parker, B. Badger, J. Turner, M. Montgomery, M. Simpkiss, B. Wilson.

Third row: S. Fitzsimmons, A. Haley, B. Kane, E. Gormley, E. Grubbs, R. McDonald, H. McGregor.

Chuck
Lots of luck
in the future
at A.H.S.
Mary Lou

First row, *left to right:* N. Ferguson, R. Simondinger, C. Bernauer, G. Anderson, J. Erdner, B. Paff, B. Toward.

Second row: G. Schnellbacher, T. Barnhart, B. Clifford, L. Caddick, E. Turner, M. Medostrup, M. Duncan, S. Humphrey.

Third row: W. Thomson, R. Bruckman, D. Kaiser, B. Long, D. Mountcastle.

Seventh Grade

First row, *left to right:* R. Beck, C. Pinkerton, N. Wirth, A. Burns, R. Oddis, L. Marshall, R. Jones.

Second row: M. Hull, D. Schleiden, S. Rialla, J. Eberhardt, S. Hall, D. Getts, P. Lampo.

Third row: J. Maruca, L. Candon, H. Johnston, J. Scott, D. Seidel, M. Killen, J. Waldron.

First row, *left to right:* C. Wirth, R. Cornett, S. Schmidt, V. Askey, P. Stevenson, M. Pedone, C. Bico.

Second row: G. Bahm, A. Blackburn, S. Kimball, V. Beck, H. McGinnis, M. Sipe, P. Achtzehn.

Third row: W. Schuster, B. Arnold, D. Williams, O. Johnson, D. Brittain, H. Cushman.

Fourth row: J. Jones, J. Hathaway.

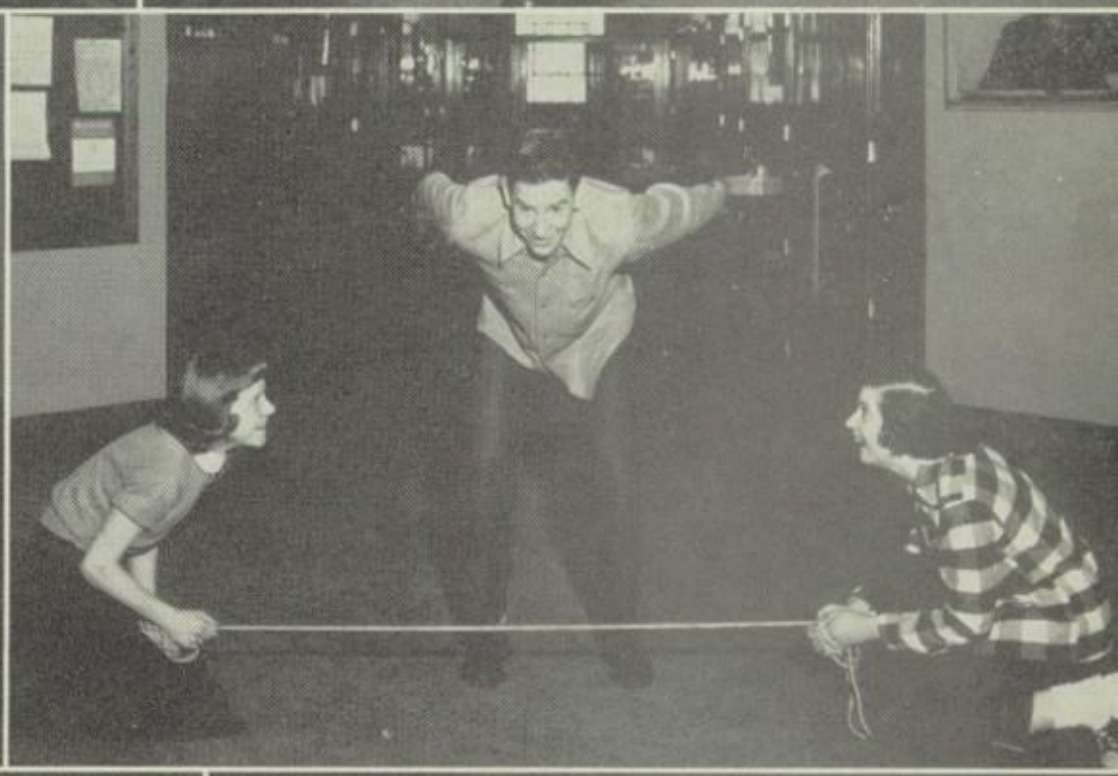
Even though the schoolmarms and schoolmasters were familiar to most of us, the newcomers in the schoolhouse, the seventh graders, were very excited at their first meeting of the faculty. Anxious to get off to a good start, the small fry began by looking over the clubs and activities available. They were allowed to make their choice between Miss Jones' Home Economics Club, the Drama Club, Hobby Club, and the Travalonette Club. They were also eligible for membership in the Student Council.

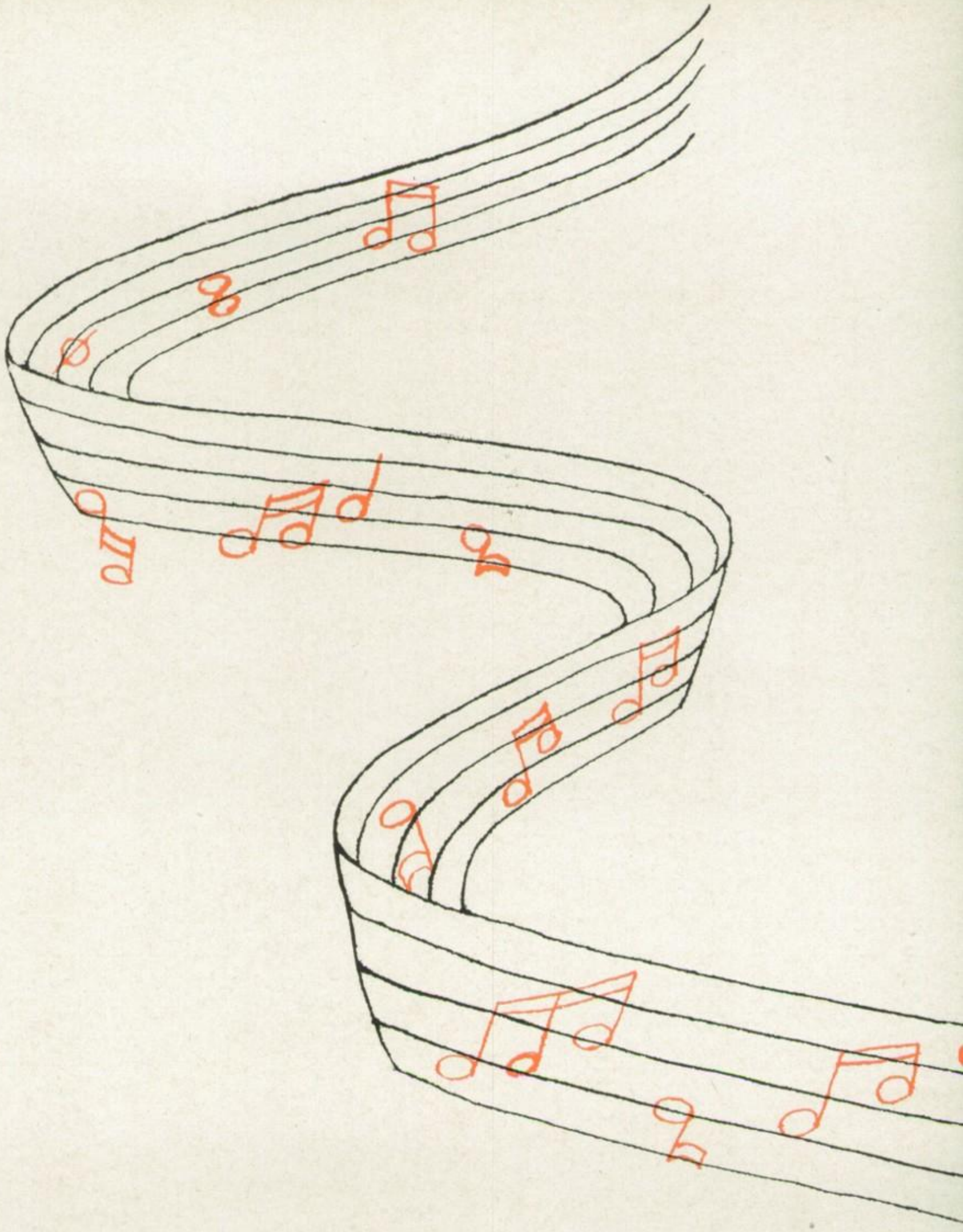
The basketball season held the interest of two hardy boys—Henry Jones and Ronald Oddis. The room presidents elected by the home rooms 21 and 22 put forth their best effort in directing the affairs of the class. They were Margaret Stevenson from room 21 and Dorothy Seidel from room 22.

The seventh graders held an advantage over the rest because their slates were clean. They could make of their high school career what they wished, and it looked as though they made a good start.

When we were a couple of kids . . .

THESE WERE OUR PASTIMES





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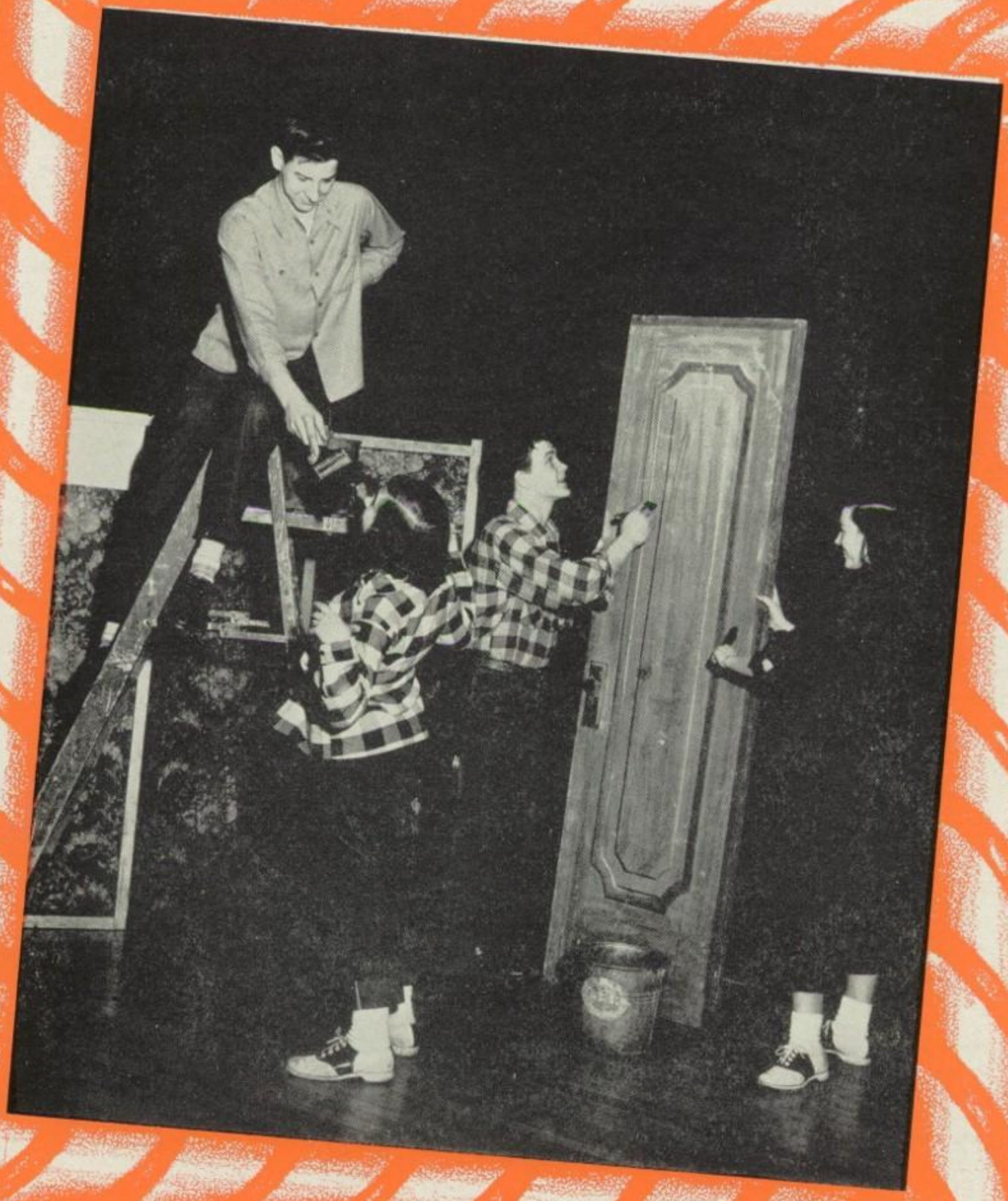

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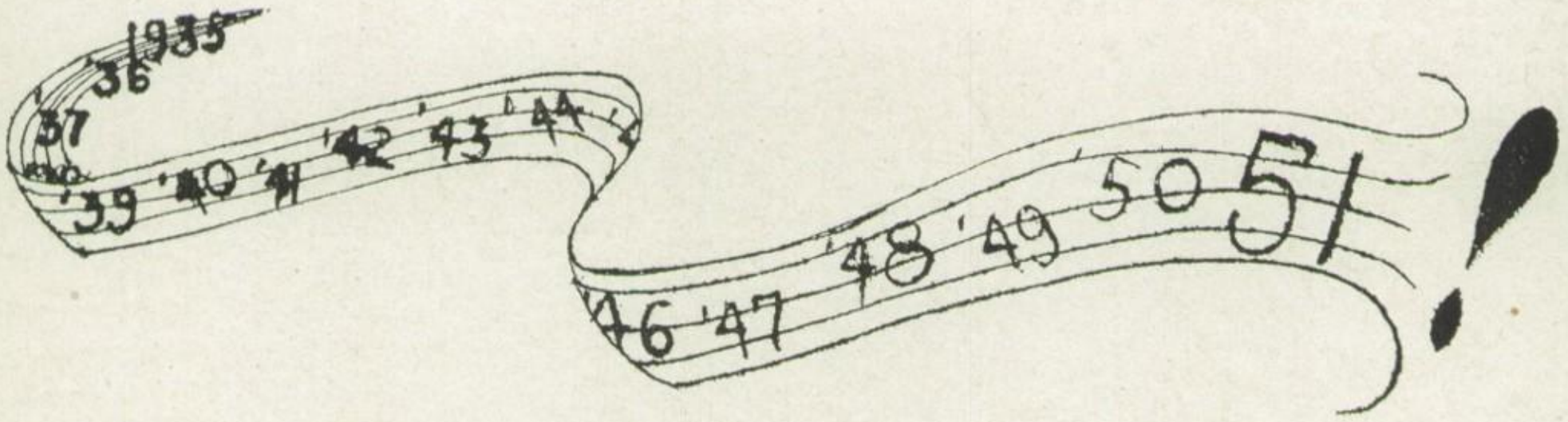


The recess bell had rung, but there was no time out for the staff of the 1951 *Annual*, who saw that yearbook production was a tremendous job.

Presiding over all was sponsor Dudley Gordon, who performed his job with the usual Gordonic efficiency. Editor Judy Cumming, who needed extra large bottles of sulfur and molasses to keep the staff on its toes, was kept busy supervising every step in producing this book.

One brisk autumn afternoon, the staff, still in bare feet and last year's dungarees, sat hushed in anticipation while Dudley Gordon and Don Young delved freely into their imaginations, to assist us in choosing a theme. Of course the final choice rested with the staff as a whole, so all were leaning expectantly forward on their oaken benches. Behind the speakers, forming an onyx backdrop, was an ordinary, dull, chalk streaked blackboard.

Suggestions were offered and eliminated one by one, when, during a lull in conversation, some inspired soul mentioned the all too obvious idea of "the slate and the Little Red Schoolhouse." Suddenly the room was injected with excitement. The idea took hold when each had thought it over in his mind. A vote was taken shortly after, and the idea was unanimously chosen.

Business manager, Milton Gaster, was given the important job of financing the yearbook. Milton was assisted by treasurer Alice Stehman; circulation manager Carolynne Brink; and salesmen Margaret

Typists—hard at work!!!

First row: Mr. Gordon, M. Mura, C. Long, M. Ritter.
Second row: M. Kimmich, A. Hay, B. Rogers.

Literary staff exhausts paper supply

First row, *left to right*: C. Kelley, P. Peters, A. Collura, D. Wood, J. Carter.

Annual Big Wheels

Left to right: J. Betcher, R. Mesloh, A. Stehman, C. Brink, M. Gaster, D. Wood, J. Cumming, M. Schlarman, E. Burt, J. Caldwell.

Sales vs. Circulation—Who Won?

Left to right: E. Zewe, P. Griffin, N. Carroll, B. Oehmler, L. White, J. Schlarman, N. Newlin, V. Sandberg, C. Brink, N. Vaughan, S. Lawton, B. Laux, M. Gaster, P. Arnette, M. Moellenbrock, J. Clark.

DUDLEY GORDON
Adviser

Inscribed for Charles — a good, Potential Co-Ed. of '53. Good luck 'till then.
May the 1951 Yearbook be a success.
Dudley Gordon

Moellenbrock, Jane Clark, Paul Arnette, Peggy Griffin, Nancy Carroll, Jack Schlarman, Nancy Newlin, Nancy Vaughan, Sally Lawton, Barbara Laux, Laura White, Bernice Oehmler, and Evelyn Zewe. In their model "A's" the salesmen diligently made their ways to all the business concerns in Avalon, Bellevue, and the near vicinity.

Pillows were pounded and huge amounts of coffee consumed by the photo and literary staff, as they lay awake nights thinking of ideas to carry out our theme. Photo Editors, Millie Schlarman and Eleanor Burt, who were capably assisted by Jane Betcher, artist photographer Jack Caldwell, and Ray Mesloh, removed the heretofore confusion that seemed synonymous with *Annual* pictures.

Literary Editor, Dick Wood, who was assisted by Peggie Peters and Jane Carter, was the person to whom the task fell to put into words the feeling that Avalon High School is going to leave on each and every senior as he steps into the whirlpool of modern life. Also in the literary section were Girls' and Boys' Sports Editors, Carolyn Kelley and Angelo Collura.

The accurate typists were Carole Long, Margie Ritter, Marie Mura, Babs Rogers, Marilyn Kimmich and Alice Hay.

Even though there were difficulties at times, the staff agreed wholeheartedly that they had benefited from their various duties and had enjoyed working with one another.

The Travalon

DOROTHY WALK
Adviser

Loitering students, an air of excitement and mystery, chattering girls, and enthusiastic boys—this was a familiar occurrence the last Friday of each month —the reason—the *Travalons* were distributed.

With the aid of Mrs. Dorothy Walk, sponsor, Editor Margaret Moellenbrock, and News Editor Alice Stehman, the literary staff published an exceptionally fine school paper.

Interesting editorials and news concerning all social functions of the school appeared on the front page. The alert reporters who compiled the current news were: Peggie Peters, Jane Clark, Judy Cumming, Angelo Collura, Jane Carter, Sallie Lawton, Grace Pauley, Mercedes Palmer, Jane Betcher, Janaline Nicklas, Dorothy McBride, Virginia Carroll, Cynthia Harvey, Leo Bergert, Barbara MacGregor, and Joe Miller. All articles were accurately written and presented to proof readers before the typing was begun.

Feature articles and the exchange columns were cleverly written under the supervision of Larry Gray, Feature Editor. The sports page held the girl's interest as well as the boy's. Exciting re-creations of football and basketball games were written by the Sports Editor, Valdy Sandberg, assisted by Joe Miller and Leo Bergert. Also, an innovation to the sport's page was the eye-catching column "We Look At The Opposition," in which was recorded the wins and losses of rival schools.

At first the disappearance of the gossip column, "Spilt Ink" was missed by all the students, but because of its absence, *The Travalon* won the coveted award of the state, the first in quite a few years.

The "tireless typists," who worked overtime on deadline days, were Marie Mura, Peggie Peters, Carolynne Brink, Eileen Zdinak, and Ethel Bowman. This thankless job was the last performed before the copy was sent to press. After a day or two of rest, Eleanor Burt, Make-up Editor, began her job of arranging the "dummy."

When the paper returned from the printers in final printed form, Nancy Carroll, Circulation Manager, and her assistant Diane Mawhinney began their duty of distributing the papers to the eager students and teachers who bought subscriptions, and mailing copies to out-of-school patrons.

Grade School Scoops, a resume of activities in the first through sixth grades, under the direction of Nancy Gray, was an added attraction to all readers. Written solely by grade school students, it created great interest for future *Travalon* reporters in the lower grades.

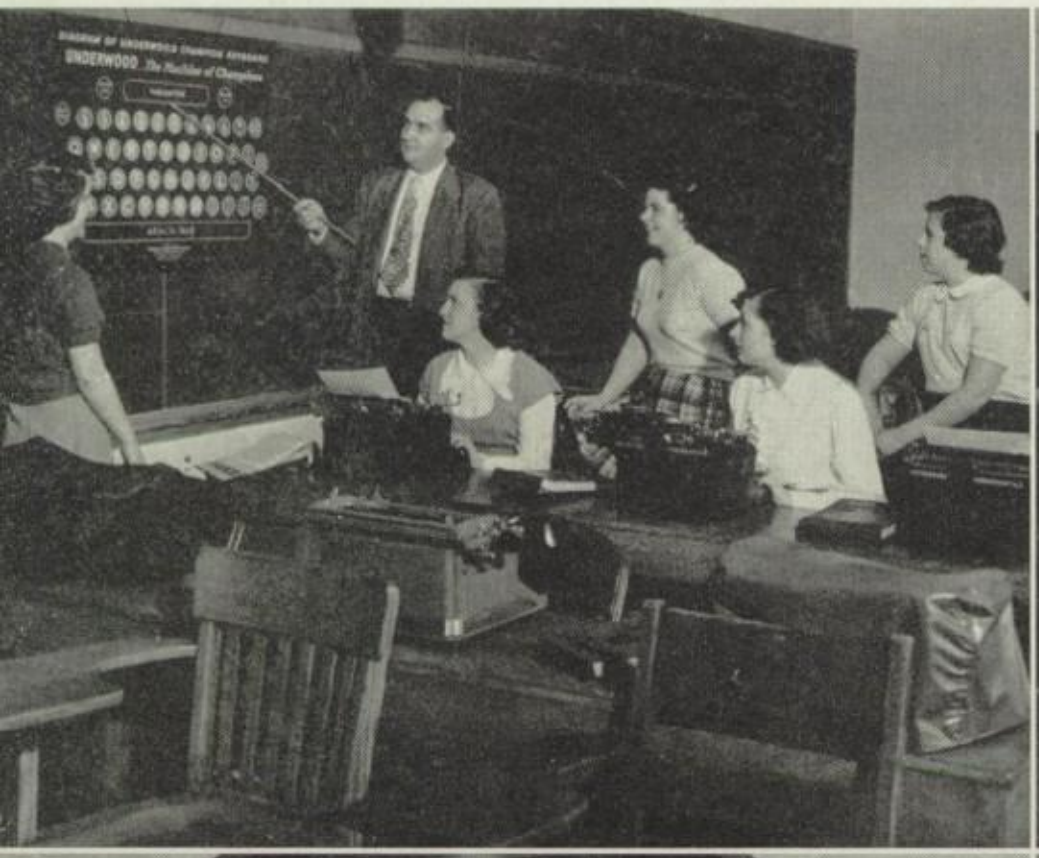
The work of Janet Haley, Business Manager, was carried out with all the efficiency that a news publication demands. She and her assistant, Paul Arnette, were responsible for all advertisements sold to local merchants, as well as all publicity for the sale of *Travalons*. The financial stability of the *Travalon* this year was evidence of their fine work.

As a special money making scheme, the typists mimeographed and folded hundreds of programs for each home football game. Salesmen were posted at both gates to sell them to all patrons for small charge. The programs contained line-ups of both schools.

For the first time, *Travalon* members and their dates were entertained at a social event in Avalon Park. A camp fire, familiar songs, freshly roasted hotdogs, and marshmallows, made this weiner roast one of the outstanding events of the school year.

The *Travalon* staff closed the door on 1950-51's experiences, certain that they had produced some of the finest editions ever to go on file in the "little red school house."

"PENS" THE NEWS OF SCHOOL AFFAIRS



Pointers for typists

First row, *left to right:* E. Zdinak, C. Brink, E. Bowman.
Second row, *left to right:* Mr. Gardner, P. Peters, M. Mura.

Heads make up the dummy

Left to right: E. Burt, M. Moellenbrock, A. Stehman, N. Carroll, J. Haley.

Salesmen peddle papers

First row, *left to right:* J. Betcher, B. Carroll, D. McBride, A. Parker, B. Rogers, J. Heine, M. Mura, P. Peters, J. Dixon, C. Stringert, L. White, B. Laux.
Second row, *left to right:* W. Huffmyer, N. Carroll, M. Ritter, J. Haley, N. Newlin, B. Oehmler, E. Zewe, J. Platt.

Write-ups are due today

First row, *left to right*: M. Palmer, G. Pauley, N. Gray, L. Burgert.
Semicircle, *left to right*: B. MacGregor, J. Betcher, S. Lawton, C. McBride, J. Carter, C. Harvey, J. Clark, M. Moellenbrock, E. Burt, P. Peters, J. Miller, J. Cumming.
Third row, *left to right*: V. Sandberg, D. Wood, H. Greene, A. Stehman, L. Gray.

Dorothy Walk
Adviser

Quill & Scroll

RATE "A's" IN WRITING

Judy Cumming

Dick Wood

Alice Stehman

Eleanor Burt

Milton Gaster

Margaret Moellenbrock

The pens and pencils of the school house were deftly handled by the master writers, members of Quill and Scroll. The students were chosen as members of this national organization because of outstanding literary work on either *Travalon* or the *Annual*.

Under the role of *Annual* editor, Judy Cumming had one of the most difficult and responsible jobs in the high school. She also wrote for the *Travalon*, and she did an excellent job on both publications.

Humor and a highly developed vocabulary gave Dick Wood top billing among fellow writers. He lent his talent to both the *Annual* and the *Travalon*.

Always willing to undertake any type of story was Alice Stehman who gained recognition for her well written articles in the *Travalon*.

As make-up editor and reporter on the *Travalon*, Eleanor Burt was kept quite busy; however, she did her job completely and very efficiently.

Milton Gaster, business manager of the *Annual*, held the difficult job of supervising the sales and make-up of the advertising part of the yearbook.

Margaret Moellenbrock, who competently edited the *Travalon*, wrote matchless news articles and independent editorials for her publication.

Stage Crew

ROBERT HARRIS
Adviser

The pupils of the little red school house always swelled with pride when topics of conversation turned to the many productions in our newly painted auditorium. These artful plays could not have been possible without the aid of the stage crew, sponsored by Mr. Harris, who saw that every performance went to completion with the necessary props. They mastered with utmost efficiency, the intricate mechanisms which many think have no complications.

These boys gave freely of their own time, among numerous other duties, to set up the stage for the class plays, to set the scene for the band concerts, to pull the curtain and work the lights at every assembly and at P. T. A. programs.

Head of the crew was the capable, unassuming, Ed Hood, who kept the boys in line, and who saw that each production was up to standard. The crew itself consisted of Paul McBride, Ray Sorg, Glen Brittain, Dave Nusz, John Potts, and Dave Montgomery.

Costumes, furniture, and all stage property were evidence that the property girls, Nancy Carroll and Mildred Schlarman, provided these necessities for every performance.

To these efficient and very necessary assistants of our thespian programs go many laurels for a fine job.

NEVER HAVE OCCASION
TO USE THE HOOK

Head Man Gets A Lift

First row, *left to right:* D. Baird, R. Sorg D. Montgomery, Mr. Harris.
Second row: D. Nusz, G. Brittain, D. Tobin E. Hood, P. McBride, J. Potts.

Dramatics

REVIEW FLICKER FLASHBACKS

Carrie does her yogi. — C. Kelley, J. Heine.

When speaking of the Class of '51, the conversation would hardly be complete without a synopsis of the class in their most outstanding activity, that of the dramatic arts. The class produced two plays to their credit, the junior play, "Mother Is A Freshman," and the senior play, "Junior Miss."

The plot of the former centered around campus life as found at Pointer College. Featured were Margaret Ritter as Abigail, Carolyn Kelley, as Susan, and John Caldwell as the Dean.

The co-eds were played by Alice Stehman, Judy Cumming, Mildred Schlarman, Nancy Carroll, Joan Heine, and Peggie Peters. Their house-mother was Carole Long. The "Joe Colleges" were headed by Richard Domville, supported by Thomas Paff, Milton Gaster, and Angelo Collura, and the male lead was Richard Wood as the Professor.

The senior play, "Junior Miss," starring Carolyn Kelley, was the study of one teen-age girl's reaction toward life.

Harry and Grace, her happily married parents, were run ragged by their daughters Lois and Judy who are blossoming into maturity, and by Harry's boss J. B. Curtis. Fuffy, Judy's friend, solves Judy's problem of datelessness by providing Haskell Cummings, a pal of Fuffy's brother Barlow. Long lost Willis, Grace's brother, one day walks into the Grave's household and marries J. B.'s daughter, Ellen, in an affair provoked by Judy. Lois' numerous boy-friends, Merril, Sterling, Albert, Tommy, Charles, and Henry are victims of a wrathful father, while Joe, Paul Gilliland and a Western Union boy, Angelo Collura, are lost in the shuffle of confusion.

Janet Haley and Eleanor Burt were featured as the Grace and Lois, respectively, with Paul McBride as J. B., Margaret Ritter as Ellen, and Gerald Wolfram as Willis. The part Fluffy was portrayed by Joan Heine, and Thomas Paff played Barlow, her brother, Judy's hearthrob, Haskell, was portrayed by John Caldwell, and Lois' boy-friends were Charles Caye, David Nusz, George Neale, Homer Greene, Bill Meiser and Milton Gaster. Barbara Rogers played Hilda, the maid, and Richard Wood had the role of the father.

It will be many a year, stated the seniors, before the old schoolhouse echoes the laughter and applause given these plays, and the majority of the spectators heartily agreed.

Angel, come into my arms!!

Left to right: M. Gaster, T. Paff, D. Domville, M. Ritter, A. Collura, J. Heine, A. Stehman.

Glad to meet you J. B.

Left to right: P. McBride, M. Ritter, J. Wolfram, J. Haley, D. Wood.

I was fired!

D. Wood, J. Haley.

Efficient directors

Mrs. Mouganis, Miss Roscoe.

Professor looks over enrollment

Left to right: J. Caldwell, C. Long, D. Wood.

Pointer College cuties!

Standing, *left to right*: T. Paff, M. Schlarman, A. Collura, N. Carroll, M. Gaster, J. Cumming.
Seated: P. Peters, D. Domville, C. Kelley.

MOTHER!!

J. Caldwell, C. Kelley, M. Ritter, D. Wood

Thanks for your hard work this year and we are looking forward to a bigger time next year.
all the best,
Howard R.

Chorus SINGS OLD TIME FAVORITES

HOWARD RYSER
Director

First row, *left to right*: J. Rice, F. Monda, C. Kelley, P. Hartley, J. Glover, S. Fisher, B. Beran, D. Sullivan, J. Wolff, H. Betcher, J. Carter, M. Griffin, M. Bailey, C. Kaecher, A. Nash, C. Stringert, H. Fitzsimmons, C. Laatu, M. Pemberton.
Second row, *left to right*: V. Carroll, F. Sofranko, M. Pedone, S. Sprague, G. Pauley, C. Brink, N. Newlin, J. Garchell, P. Thompson, D. Haring, W. Fitzpatrick, F. Schoeppner, J. Nicklas, S. Quail, J. Cumming, N. Vaughan, H. Geir, J. Betcher, S. McPherson, G. Adams, J. Baham.
Third row, *left to right*: G. Kenney, B. Parker, S. Lawton, E. Zdinak, A. Parker, J. Heine, S. Ford, J. McPherson, H. Craig, D. Humphrey, J. Miller, J. Dixon, P. Burkholder, J. Reel, M. Mura, C. Harvey, J. Reel, C. Roche, J. Seelhorst, E. Nabors, J. Platt.
Fourth row, *left to right*: J. Redshaw, P. Newell, E. McSorley, B. MacGregor, M. Rupert, C. Wilcoxen, T. Paff, R. Quigley, C. Sullivan, V. Sandberg, D. Montgomery, C. Craig, C. Thompson, A. Hay, D. Smith, N. Gray, L. White, A. Stehman, J. Haley, B. Hargest, B. Oehmler.

The very popular choral organization of the "little red school house," was once again under the capable direction of Mr. Howard Ryser. Being composed of the outstanding voices of senior high, meant leisure time was usually not available to its members. They were in constant demand from September to June at both school activities and community functions.

To start the year, Eugene Sullivan was elected president for 1950-51 and Judy Cumming, vice-president, while Janet Haley played the dual role of secretary-treasurer, and Paul Thompson represented this melodious group at Student Council meetings.

Who could ever forget the "Snow Mound" Christmas Concert presented in December or the equally delightful Spring Concert in April. It took many a Monday night practice and daily rehearsal in order to render such favorite songs.

The Avalon Parent-Teachers Association, Lions Club, and numerous other organizations and churches, were fortunate enough to have as their guests this group of well-blended voices.

And, so, another record goes on file in "the little red schoolhouse" which proves that the 1950-51 chorus was "slated" for success.

Dear Chazz -
I'll always remember the good times on Sunday nights. Have fun next year and make a good prom. We'll be working our annual together, Bill do [illegible]

Double Octette

It wasn't an old-fashioned barber shop quartette that could be heard rehearsing the medley of gay-ninety songs, but *sixteen* well trained voices, which formed an innovation in "The Little Red School-house's" music department.

Four junior class members were the only hold-overs from last year's octette. These were soloists Alice Hay and Eugene Sullivan, along with Bob Beran and Valdimar Sandberg. Twelve new members had to be chosen in September, and of these twelve, there were seven juniors, one senior, three sophomores, and one freshman.

Supplying the melody were Jane Carter, Alice Hay, Jean Reel, and Janalene Nicklas, the four sopranos. Doing ably well on their more difficult role were the four altos, Nancy Newlin, Margie Rupert, Sally Fisher, and Joan Heine. The harmonious tenors were Bob Beran, Richard Haring, Paul Thompson, and Don Sullivan, and last but not least, the bass section, filled by such capable singers as Eugene Sullivan, Valdimar Sandberg, Dave Humphrey, and Joseph Miller. Although Shirley Sprague, the pianist, did no singing, she accompanied them during practices, as well as public appearances.

The double octette rendered several numbers at both Christmas and Spring concerts, Thanksgiving and Christmas assemblies, and whenever they were called upon for some of the schools favorite old-timers.

Outside the school agenda, the double octette gave performances for the Avalon Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club, Avalon Presbyterian Church, Parent-Teachers Association, Avalon Woman's Club, and other well known organizations in the borough.

This popular group was asked to perform at the G.A.A. Carnival in November, as part of the floor-show. They came dressed in clothes typical of a farmer (dungarees, plaid shirts, straw hats) and gave their arrangement of "Country Style," which will never be forgotten by any member of the listening audience.

Mr. Ryser, director of this new group, will coach the same members in 1952, as he will have only one vacancy to fill.

HARMONIZE ON BARBER SHOP MEDLEYS

To a swell guy, Joe

First row, *left to right*: J. Heine, J. Reel J. Miller.
Second row: D. Sullivan, S. Fisher, J. Nicklas, D. Haring.
Third row: D. Humphrey, M. Rupert, J. Carter, P. Thompson.
Fourth row: B. Beran, N. Newlin, S. Sprague, A. Hay.
Fifth row: V. Sandberg, E. Sullivan.

To a swell guy. Lots of luck in band and chorus.
Sally

First row: C. Laatu.

Second row, *left to right:* T. Johnston, R. Bell, J. Sundholm, J. Redshaw, T. Petitta, A. Blackburn, V. Askey, J. Eberhardt, S. Meadowcroft, B. Badger, S. Humphrey, B. Arnold, D. Askey, R. Goodwin.

Third row: A. Hay, A. Haley, B. Kaiser, H. Ferguson, J. Miller, R. Long, P. Fisher, S. Fisher, J. Glover, J. Redshaw, E. McSorley, D. Humphrey, R. Wilson.

Fourth row: B. Kane, N. Newlin, R. Fraumann, D. Sullivan, R. McDonald, J. Gatchell, E. Gormley.

Fifth row: D. Mountcastle, R. Haring, C. Wilcoxen, E. Sullivan, B. Mariner, R. Kochenbach, H. Craig, J. McPherson, D. Montgomery.

Band

HEARD ON YOUR "CRYSTAL SET"

A clash of cymbals and a roll of the drums! You didn't need a crystal set when the dashing high stepping blue and gold band struck up a song in their own matchless style.

Playing to the swinging baton of talented Mr. Ryser, the band labored long hours in practice to perfect the marches and popular tunes that typified their stellar performances.

When Avalon's gridders had made their exit from the field at half time, the band would keep the interest of the spectators with eye catching routines. High stepping majorettes led the way up the field flashing chrome batons. Immediately following came the perfect ranks of blue and gold uniforms. Their most memorable formation, was, of course, the big "A" which was accompanied by the playing of the "Alma Mater." Other more complicated formations were the football which was pumped up by the majorettes, as the band members expanded the ball, the zipper, the oil well, the cake, and the keystone for Pennsylvania Week. The music played by the band was inspiringly played, and triumphant in matching our winning teams.

Yes, the band was hard pressed for their services in Avalon, for whether they led a football parade, or rendered service at one of the class plays, it was always felt that they played to the utmost of their ability. Many visitors and friends of our little school house have commented favorably about our band, which without Mr. Ryser's helpful tutoring, would not have been a success. So throw away your ear trumpet, Grandma, and let them strike up the Band.

Batons flying high in the air, white boots raised in perfect strut—these factors distinguished Avalon's majorettes, as seven shapely girls led the band onto the field before every football game. Howard E. Ryser had no qualms about sponsoring our peppy majorettes and the band was proud to march behind them.

Petite Jeannie Reel led them, she being a representative of the junior class and a veteran from last year. Aiding her in the twirling were Eleanor Burt, the only senior, Alice Ann Nash, Shirley Brendle, Ann Somerhalder, Nancy Gray, and Mary Lou Connolly, all juniors. The latter three marched in the ranks for the first time this year. The girls made a bright spectacle at the half time of every game and their clever routines, made up by the girls themselves, plus their snappy white uniforms with gold and blue brought loud applause from the bleachers. As majorette mascot, little Beverly Burke added to the appearance of the high steppers and she learned the routines and the steps with utmost ease.

Even though the majorettes did not sponsor any activity this year, taking a well deserved rest after having raised money to pay for their uniforms, they remained in the limelight. The majorettes performed several times in assembly and their talent was always in demand for parades.

Football victories were not complete unless they strutted up the avenue. The majorettes were definitely a part of the games and a pleasant compliment to the school program.

"HICKORY STICKS" BECOME BATONS

Majorettes

First row, *left to right:* B. Burke, J. Reel.
Second row: S. Brendle, M. Connolly, N. Gray, A. Nash, E. Burt, A. Somerhalder.

All hands up for a victorious team.

Left to right: J. Cumming, E. Zdinak, J. Carter, M. Moellenbrock, J. Nicklas, J. Betcher, J. Heine.

Finance agents

First row, *left to right:* J. Clark, M. Mura, M. Ritter, H. Greene, C. Long.

Second row: A. Somerhalder, N. Carroll, J. Heine, E. Bowman.

Third row: E. Zewe, B. Oehmler, M. Palmer, D. Wright, M. Kimmich.

Fourth row: H. Geier, L. Reiner, R. Seelhorst, P. Griffin, J. Haley, S. Lawton, E. Karhut, A. Stehman, B. Rogers, P. Peters, J. Platt, L. White.

CHEERLEADERS

Always cheering the team on to victory in fair weather or foul, adding color and spirit to the football and basketball games, the cheerleaders were an inspiring asset to Avalon. Led by Margaret Moellenbrock, the cheerleaders, Judy Cumming, Joan Heine, Jane Betcher, Janalene Nicklas, Jane Carter, and Eileen Zdinak showed originality and talent in their assembly programs and at the football celebration for our O. V. C. champs. New cheers were popular with the students and their bright new blue and white uniforms, setting a standard for Avalon's cheerleaders, also evoked complimentary remarks.

Although Joan Heine and Jane Carter were newcomers to the group, they were well instructed by last year's capable staff and with them they worked diligently through the entire summer. The hard but pleasant work done by the cheerleaders proved well worth the time for they played an important role in Avalon's sports schedule this year.

BOOSTERS

Through the tireless work of the "A" ticket committee, Avalon's sports program was again a success. Under the capable leadership of Carole Long, Margie Ritter, and Sally Lawton, single tickets along with season tickets for each sport were sold. Mr. Gardner was the willing sponsor of the organization and his leadership proved to be the best. It was no easy task to keep track of all the money spent by the spectators at our football and basketball games, but the committee was always willing to put forth their time and effort to make the athletic program a success.

Much credit should be given to all who served on "A" ticket this year for they are the ones who made it possible for Avalon to make profits on football and basketball games. But, even more important, "A" ticket members are morale builders and they have performed an excellent job in making the morale of our school and town tangible in its support of our teams.

JOHN O'ROURKE
Adviser

"FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW"

The Avalon Hi-Y, completely overhauled since last year, progressed favorably under the new sponsor, Mr. O'Rourke.

New officers were in order early this year and George Neale was elected president, Howard Sipe became vice-president, Donald Baird retained the office of secretary, Roger Thompson was named treasurer and, appropriately, Valdimar Sandberg was chosen for his second year as chaplain of the club.

The boys took advantage of the facilities of the "Y" building in Bellevue when they met every two weeks for scheduled meetings and meals. At these dinner meetings they decided on club functions and combined Hi-Y programs. Among these included were swimming parties, guest speakers and Hi-Y basketball games. Among their guests, Carl Pacacha came and gave an excellent talk on sportsmanship. Incidentally, the basketball team finished a league tour with a record of five wins and two losses.

The many experiences which the boys encountered during the year resulted in financial, spiritual and social success.

I'm glad to know you. Some of those guys have been giving you a rough time but don't let it bother you. Good luck.
Tom Ford

Hi-Y Club

First row, *left to right*: D. Baird, R. Thomson, G. Neale, V. Sandberg, H. Sipe.
Second row: R. Schlieden, T. Hirsch, A. Collura, N. Buck, F. Scialabba, D. Zinkand, B. McGinnis, D. Sullivan, L. Burgert.
Third row: M. Gaster, S. Ford, J. Caldwell, J. Vogel, L. Wood, H. Culver, D. Humphrey, J. Schlarman.
Fourth row: P. Gilliland, D. Nusz, J. Irwin, B. Beran, P. McBride, R. Kochenbach, J. Potts, T. Williams.
Fifth row: R. Mesloh, E. Sullivan, D. Tobin, R. Mayer, H. Craig.

Glowing candles and soft strains of "Follow the Gleam"—this was the traditional installation of members, which meant the introduction to a fun-packed year as Avalon Y-Teens.

President Janet Haley, vice-president Jane Betcher, secretary Bernice Oehmler, and treasurer Charlotte Roche planned a series of pleasant events for the club beginning with a covered dish dinner held in early November, a Christmas party and caroling held on December 19th, and ending with a farewell dinner in honor of the seniors.

Between planned meetings, groups of girls with their sponsor, Miss Lois Pontius, frequently visited the "Y" for meetings or to make use of the recreational facilities. They also engaged in competitive basketball games with neighboring Y-Teen organizations. At Christmas time this year, the members could be found dressing dolls and sending them to needy children.

Thinking back on her term of presidency, Janet reluctantly resigned her past office in favor of Jane Betcher and wished her even more success in 1952.

Lois Pontius
Adviser

SCHOLARS OF CHARACTER

Y-Teens

First row, *left to right:* E. Zdinak, V. Carroll, J. Sixon, B. Laux, M. Connolly, A. Nash, B. Oehmler, P. Peters, E. Zewe, P. Griffin, F. Monda, J. Reel, C. Roche.

Second row: M. Casey, E. Bowman, J. Haley, B. Rogers, J. Platt, C. Long, S. Lawton J. Betcher, C. Harvey, K. Wagner, P. Hartley, L. Reiner, S. Sprague, H. Geier, A. Hay.

Third row: R. Seelhorst, A. Stehman, H. Norman, J. Clark, M. Mura, S. Brendle, D. Smith, A. Parker, P. Burkholder, G. Pauley.

Fourth row: B. MacGregor, G. Kenney, J. Waldron, B. McBride.

Mary Emma Keiser
Adviser

BUDDING SECRETARIES

Pen & Key

All typewriter keys were silenced and pens put away when Peggy Griffin, president of Pen and Key, called the meeting to order. Other cabinet members were Margaret Ritter, vice-president; Peggie Peters, secretary; and Carolyn Kelley, treasurer.

Under Mrs. Mary Emma Keiser's supervision, the club raised money for a formal dance given in December. This was the first big event of the year.

To promote good-will between rival schools, as well as to raise funds for the treasury, the club sponsored a second annual "Win or Lose Dance" after the Avonworth game on October 20th, plus a new event—Parents Night, honoring the mothers and dads of the football team. With their goal reached, and with money in the treasury, the club held the most successful Christmas formal dance in several years, Winter Wonderland, in the gym. 'Neath a starry ceiling, couples swayed to the music of Buddy Morris and his orchestra.

So, another mile-stone of school days was reached, and all members agreed that the year 1951 would not be forgotten in Pen and Key's record book.

First row, *left to right*: A. McBride, N. Carroll, P. Peters, P. Griffin, M. Mura, B. Oehmler, E. Zdinak.
Second row: M. Connolly, M. Casey, M. Ritter, J. Clark, C. Brink, C. Long, B. Rogers, J. Dixon, B. Laux.
Third row: C. Kelley, B. Nabors, B. Fay, E. Zewe, A. Nash, F. Monda, D. Wright, M. Palmer.
Fourth row: R. Seelhorst, C. Roche, J. Reel, B. Kaiser, A. Hay, E. Dowsley, L. White, N. Newlin.
Fifth row, *standing*: S. Quail, M. Rupert, E. Bowman, L. Reiner, D. Smith, S. Brendle, A. Parker, J. Platt, C. Stringert.
Extreme right, *top to bottom*: P. Burkholder, E. Karhut, M. Kimmich, S. Lawton, A. Somerhalder, J. Betcher.

Junior High Clubs

ACQUAINT UNDER

Working hard to gain favorable recognition at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" this year were the junior high clubs and junior cheerleaders.

"You've got the pep" was not only a cheer this year, it was the byword of the junior high cheerleaders. These freshmen girls; Janice Bahm, leader; Joyce Reel, Barbara Parker, Shirley McPherson, Joy Steck, Joanne Seelhorst, and Carolyn Laatu were always on the job when it came to cheering. Mrs. Mouganis added her know-how about costumes, and the results were the snappy outfits worn by the cheerleaders.

One of the most popular clubs this year was the *Travalonette*, sponsored by Miss Hoover, and edited by talented Carolyn Laatu and her assistant Carl Spangler. The last page of our school newspaper was full of sound editorials, current fashion news, cleverly written poems, and some exceptionally fine stories.

Mrs. Mouganis, also sponsored the Drama Club, for talented budding thespians. Everyone who joined was eager to act, which made the lessons and meetings very interesting. Patricia Newell presided over the club.

A home economics club was sponsored by Miss Jones and the girls cooked and sewed their way throughout the year under the leadership of Jayne Redshaw.

Mr. Harris' Hobby Club proved to be more popular with the seventh and eighth graders than the freshmen, and it flourished under the leadership of Wayne Thomson.

Avalon says hello

Left to right: S. McPherson, J. Steck, B. Parker, J. Bahm, C. Laatu, J. Seelhorst, J. Reel.

Future journalists prepare copy

First row, *left to right*: E. Koehl, N. Clarke, J. Messmer, G. Adams.

Second row: F. Sofranko, N. Maier, J. Rice, B. Casey, B. Keir, H. Ferguson, C. Spangler, C. Laatu, J. Wolff, Miss Hoover.

CLASSMEN WITH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Hobby Club

Left to right: D. Askey, D. Brittian, B. Toward, D. Goetz, W. Thomson, B. Wilson, G. Schnelbacker, A. Blackburn, R. McDonald, B. Long.

Drama Club

Seated, *left to right*: A. Haley, S. Meadowcroft, J. Ritter, J. Miller, C. Bernauer.

Standing, *left to right*: E. Gormley, B. Kain, L. Caddick, M. Simpkiss, J. Erdner, B. Paff, B. Badger, S. Humphrey.

F. H. A. Club

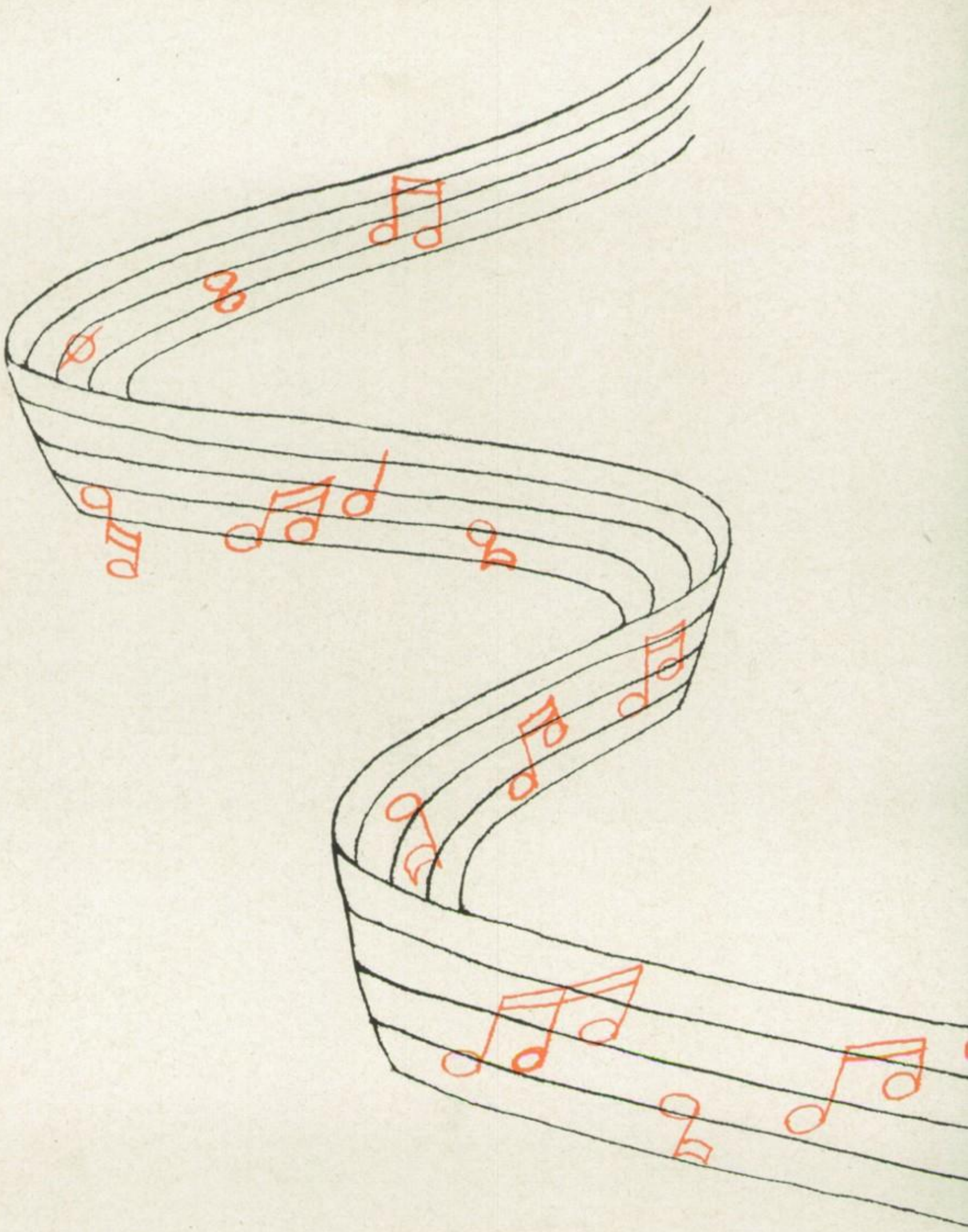
Standing, *left to right*: E. Gormley, J. Beatty, M. Neeley, P. Parker, L. Caddick, J. Seelhorst, E. Koehl, P. Senk, N. Clarke, C. Laatu, E. McSorley, R. Simondinger, M. Nedostup, B. Paff, B. Keir, Miss Jones.

Seated, *1st table*: J. Ritter, J. Seiger, S. Meadowcroft.

Seated, *2nd table*: B. Kain, P. Newell, J. Bahm, E. Nabors, A. Haley.

Seated, *3rd table*: J. Messmer.

Seated, *4th table*: J. Turner, B. Clifford.

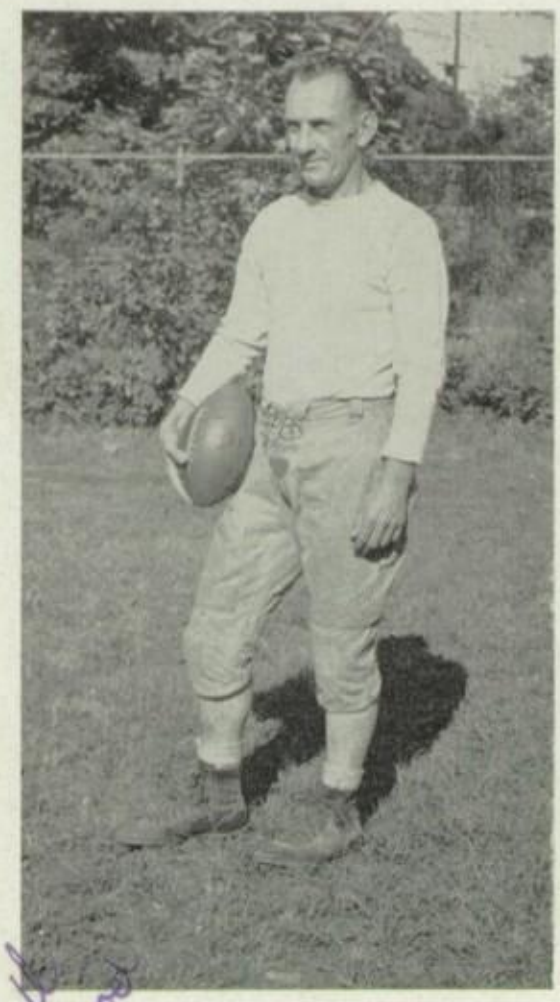


ATHLETICS

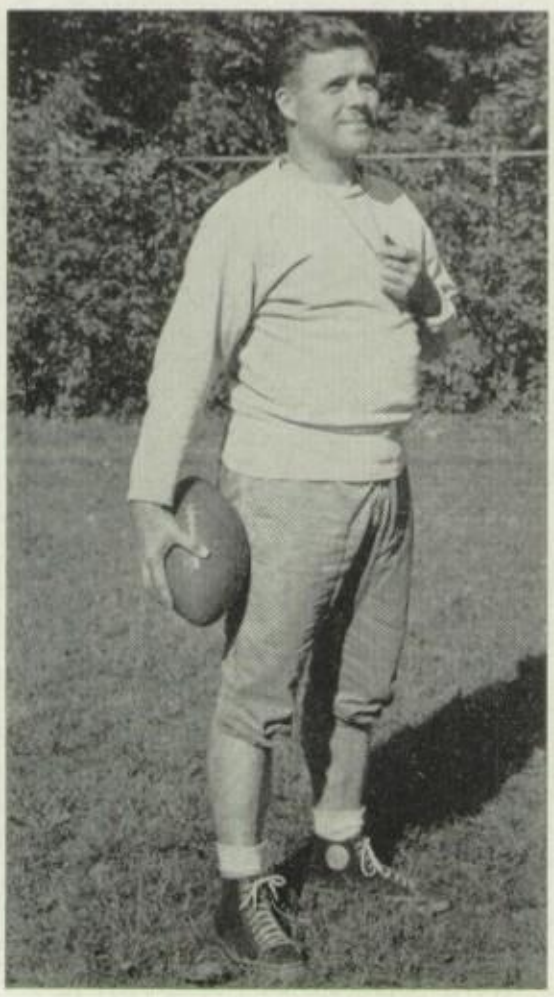
Football

Chuck,
Good luck with your girl in the future you need it.
Smitty

PANTHERS RECOVER O.V.C. TITLE



D. L. Parker
Coach

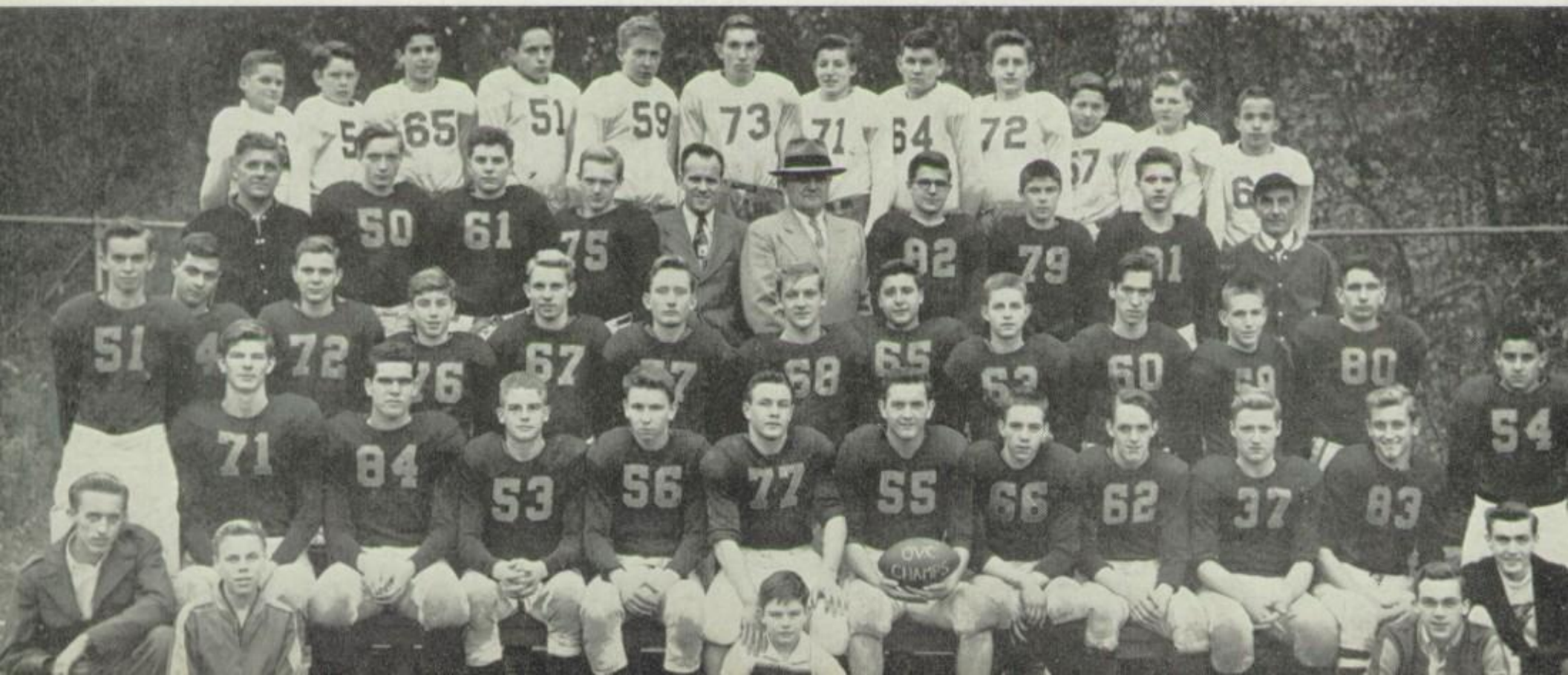


H. A. Dennison
Assistant Coach

J. J. Wertacnik
Junior High Coach

Thanks, Teal
To sports
Sport Good
Hanks.

First row, *left to right:* P. Gilliland, T. Hirsch, B. Toward, J. Schlarman, J. Caldwell.
Second row: B. Patterson, D. Tobin, E. Sullivan, G. Neale, D. Baird, B. McGinnis, D. Nusz, D. Domville, E. Hood, B. Beran, R. Mayer, A. Collura.
Third row: R. Sorg, J. Potts, J. Hetzler, H. Sipe, B. Toward, L. Wood, S. Ford, J. Wuenschel, R. Brooks, J. Wuenschel, R. Mesloh.
Fourth row: Mr. Dennison, J. Woodbrurn, H. Culver, K. Smith, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Wertacnik, D. Humphrey, D. Hetzler, H. Craig Mr. Parker.
Fifth row: H. Betcher, F. Schoeppner, D. Sullivan, H. Woodburn, P. Walton, K. Reiger, D. Stewart, C. Craig, N. Buck, J. Gatchell, J. Miller.



To a real good kid,
friendly, and also
whiz in English.
remember
Lenny

Scores

Avalon	20	Neville	0
Avalon	0	Trafford	0
Avalon	19	Millvale	0
Avalon	13	Bellevue	0
Avalon	20	Avonworth	13
Avalon	19	Leetsdale	6
Avalon	7	Sewickley	6
Avalon	19	Robinson Township	0

The little boys who once wore knickers and short pants are wearing, in their place, high school football togs. Playing under the experienced coaching staff of Mr. Parker, and his two assistants, Mr. Dennison, and Mr. Wertacnik, the football team went undefeated through eight contests—the only undefeated football season in the history of Avalon High School.

The little Panthers began their winning streak by shellacking Neville, the Islanders, 20-0. On the first play from scrimmage, Bruce McGinnis took the ball off tackle and scooted down the side-line for seventy-five yards for a touchdown. The next score was registered by Tom Paff. Don Tobin took the extra point in the end zone to make the score 13-0. Once again in the third quarter McGinnis took the ball for thirty-five yards and another score. Dave Nusz's conversion was good.

The only mar, if any, in the Panther's football season was the Trafford game which was a bruising battle for yardage with neither team scoring.

KEPT AFTER SCHOOL FOR PRACTICE

Next, Avalon traveled to Millvale. The blue and gold eleven found Millvale quite easy, as they coasted to their second victory to the tune of 19-0. In this contest Ronnie Mayer, Don Tobin, and Dick Domville were credited with touchdowns. Mayer also scored the extra point.

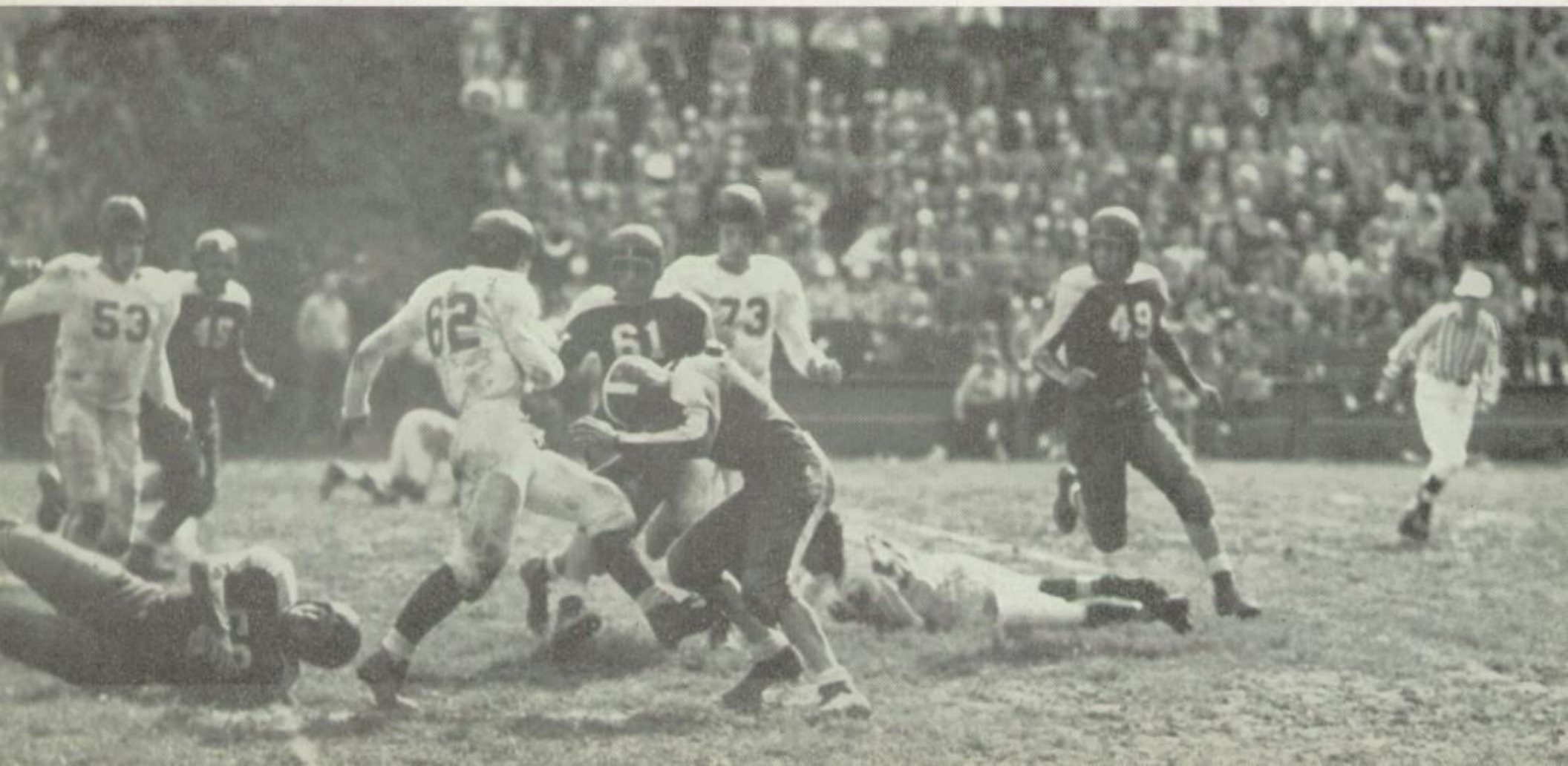
Then came the Bellevue game with the most inspired group of Avalon Panthers as ever were seen on a gridiron. The first three quarters resulted in a scoreless tie, but in the fourth quarter, Avalon came through when Bob Beran caught a pass from Nusz on the four yard line, and went on to score. A Nusz to Mayer pass was good for the extra point. Minutes later, Don Tobin intercepted a pass, and on the next play, McGinnis broke away for the last tally of the game.

The Panthers followed this victory by defeating Avonworth. The highly tutored Panther eleven, in the first half couldn't hold on to the pigskin. It was all Avonworth, and they led at halftime, 7-2. In the second half, the team looked like a different ball club, sparked by the running and passing of Dick Domville, who jaunted 50 and 65 yards respectively for pay dirt in the third period. The final score came when McGinnis plunged 3 yards into the end zone, for a 20-13 victory in favor of the inspired Panthers.

Avalon's next contest was with Leetsdale. The high riding Avalonites took this game in stride as our boys fought to a 19-6 victory over the Spartans. Dave Nusz's two touchdowns and Bruce McGinnis' seven points made the total score.

The "Little Red School House" boys then traveled to Sewickley for their worst game of the season, as they edged the Sewickley Indians 7-6. On the second play of the game, McGinnis scored the lone tally of the afternoon. The attempt for the all important point was good as McGinnis split the uprights.

The last game of this memorable season was with Robinson Township. In the first quarter, Dave Nusz crossed the goal for an early tally. In the second half Don Tobin intercepted a pass which he attempted to block, and ran 55 yards for a second score. The third quarter found McGinnis darting across the goal for the final six pointer of the season. McGinnis' pass was complete to Mayer. Robinson, as all others did, yielded to the unquenchable blue and gold Panther. Thus ended the first undefeated season in the history of the school.



My Football Heroes

First row, *left to right*:
E. Hood
B. McGinnis
A. Collura

Second row, *left to right*:
D. Tobin
D. Nusz
D. Domville

Third row, *left to right*:
D. Baird
R. Mayer
E. Sullivan

Fourth row, *left to right*:
B. Beran
T. Paff
G. Neale

Basketball

Chalk up two for "Ichabod"

HARRY DENNISON
Coach

Avalon	35	Mt. Lebanon	38	*Avalon	65	Leetsdale	34
Avalon	53	Rochester	35	*Avalon	55	Hopewell	40
Avalon	65	Bethel	47	*Avalon	69	Moon	31
Avalon	56	Rochester	26	*Avalon	62	Avonworth	33
Avalon	45	Bethel	30	*Avalon	74	Sewickley	49
Avalon	57	Beaver	58	*Avalon	73	Neville	42
Avalon	45	Beaver	34	*Avalon	56	Bellevue	45
*Avalon	49	Leetsdale	27	**Avalon	63	Wampum	52
*Avalon	62	Hopewell	49	**Avalon	42	Verona	27
*Avalon	90	Moon	39	**Avalon	42	Irwin	39
*Avalon	61	Avonworth	39	**Avalon	59	Cresson	44
*Avalon	52	Sewickley	46	**Avalon	51	Mercer	42
*Avalon	66	Neville	19	**Avalon	48	Kutztown	51
*Avalon	57	Bellevue	40	*League			
Avalon	68	Verona	50	**Playoffs			

First row, *left to right*: B. Beran, H. Sipe, R. Frenz, D. Tobin, B. McGinnis, D. Nusz, D. Domville, T. Williams, R. Mayer, T. Paff, E. Sullivan, Coach Dennison.
Second row: K. Smith, H. Woodburn, J. Woodburn, B. Toward, J. Armstrong, R. Mesloh, J. Irwin, R. Thomson, D. Hetzler, R. Jacobs, J. Hetzler.
Third row: B. Beatty, P. Walton, V. Sandberg, C. Craig, D. Montgomery.

Junior High Team

First row, *left to right*: R. McDonald, H. Gatchell, E. Barney, J. Wuenschel, R. Quigley, J. Gerber, R. Lehman.
Second row: B. Toward, F. Schoeppner, W. Fitzpatrick, H. Betcher, G. Beck, B. Long.
Third row: H. Ferguson, J. Beatty, H. Jones, R. Wilson, G. Schnellbacher, W. Wilson, B. Marengo, C. Kline.
Fourth row: Mr. Wertacnik, J. Gloeckner, C. Thomson, J. Hubert, R. Bruckman, R. Little.

"CHALK UP" A YEAR OF GLORY FOR A. H. S.

After completing an undefeated gridiron campaign, the boys from "The Little Red School House" decided to switch their talents to basketball. Coach Harry Dennison had Nusz, Tobin, and Mayer back from last year's quintet on which to build his starting team. Domville and McGinnis finished the starting five, and Williams, Toward, Sullivan, Frenz, Paff, Beran, and Sipe also were willing substitutes. With this handful of boys, Coach Dennison brought glory to A. H. S. by flashing through Section 13, which was one of the strongest again this year, in formidable fashion.

The Panthers began their season by traveling to Mt. Lebanon only to have history repeat itself, as they bowed to the Mounters as they did last season. The Avalonites then went through the rest of the season heroically, taking every game as they came, losing only to Beaver, a strong Class A school, twice. The twin victories over Bellevue, Avonworth, and the rest of the Section 13 quintets were taken in stride, as they ran their league victories to 30 straight; a streak which extended over three seasons. Loyal Avalon citizens' thoughts now rose not only to the W.P.I.A.L. but to the State finals.

To give a certain player the credit for the team's success would be unjust, for every boy was an asset to the team. They all played their part in the team's great campaign, and played it well. Experience played a very important part in the great 1950-1951 season, and Mr. Dennison will have a majority of boys with experience next year, for another great season.

The W.P.I.A.L. playoffs were played on the Dormont floor as they were last year. In the first round of play, Avalon drew a bye. In the quarter-finals, Avalon played Wampum, and defeated them 63-52; the next victory was over Verona 42-37, in the semi-finals. The W.P.I.A.L. final was played at Pitt Stadium, with the same Irwin team who dropped us from the ranks of the unbeaten last year. The story was different this year, however, for we dropped them and became W.P.I.A.L. Class "B" champs for the third time. From this game till the last, we were known as the "Spoilers." Undefeated Cresson was next to feel the Panther's claws at the stadium. In the Western Regional Preliminary game, the Basketeers shattered Cresson's 22 game winning streak by whipping the Indians 59-44. Again the "Spoilers" went on the rampage at Farrell in the Western Regional finals; they dropped Mercer from the ranks

Basketball

of the unbeaten by suspending their 25 game winning streak 51-42.

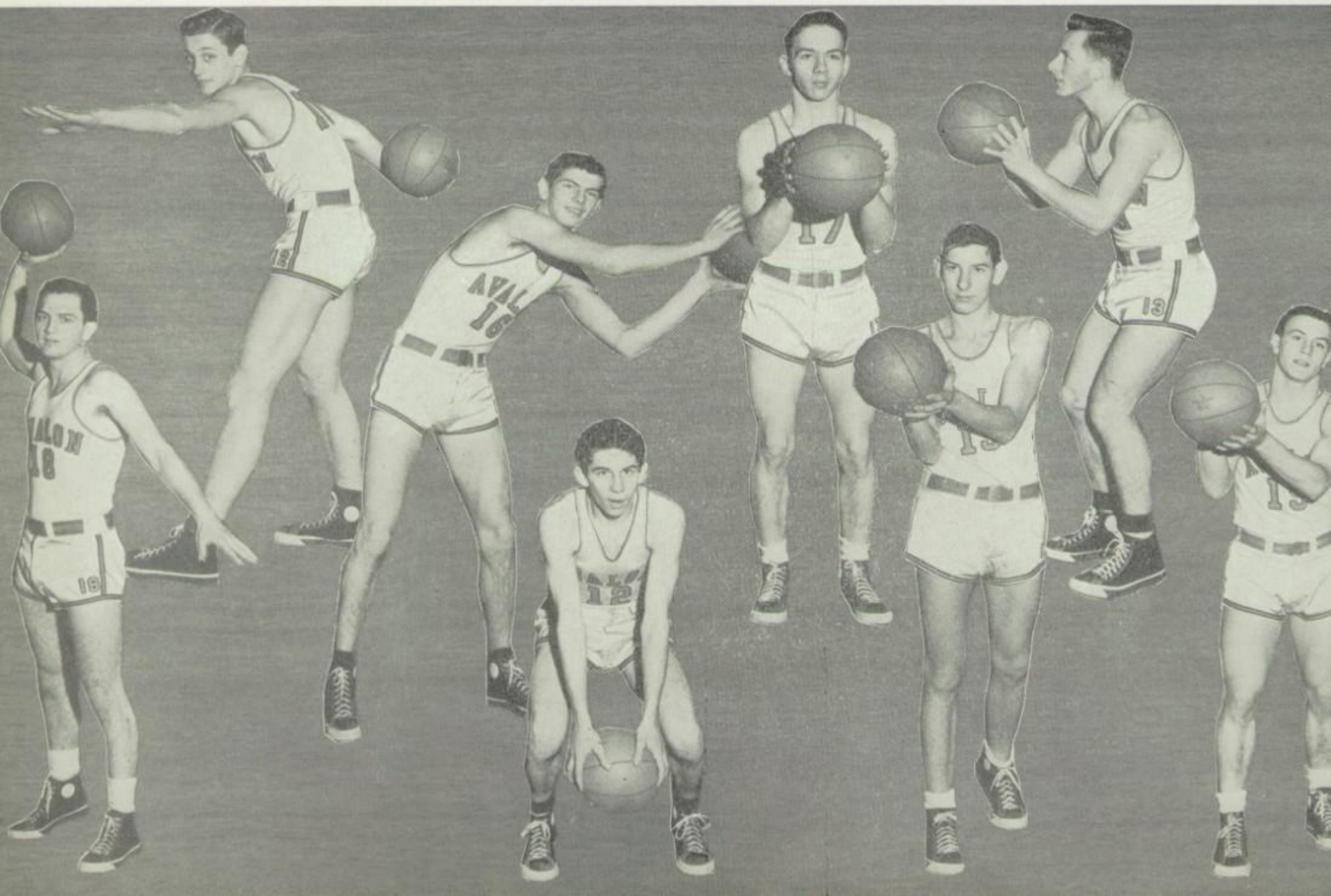
The Class B State Championship game was played at Pitt Stadium. Avalon, the boist of the W.P.I.A.L. was matched against Kutztown, defending State champ. During the three periods, the Panthers exhibited their well-known form and poise and displayed their highly-tutored craftsmanship reflecting Mr. Dennison's able coaching. But in the final period, the Easterners came back fighting hard and caused the score to be tied several times. Then, as always, the ball bounced the wrong way and time ran out only to find the blue and gold quintet on the short end by three "meager points," 51-48.

This Avalon basketball team of 1951 was one of the greatest teams in the history of Avalon High School. It was the only team to reach the State finals. The football and basketball teams of 1951 leave records that can really be "chalked up" on the blackboards of our "Little Red Schoolhouse;" they will long be remembered for going "all the way!"

Head Manager, Doc, takes a snooze

Seated, *left to right:* A. Collura, D. Sullivan.
Standing: J. Wolff, N. Buck, D. Baird.

Top row, *left to right:* R. Mayer, D. Tobin, D. Domville, R. Frenz.
Bottom row: D. Nusz, T. Paff, T. Williams, B. McGinnis.



Girls Basketball

MAKES THE GRADE

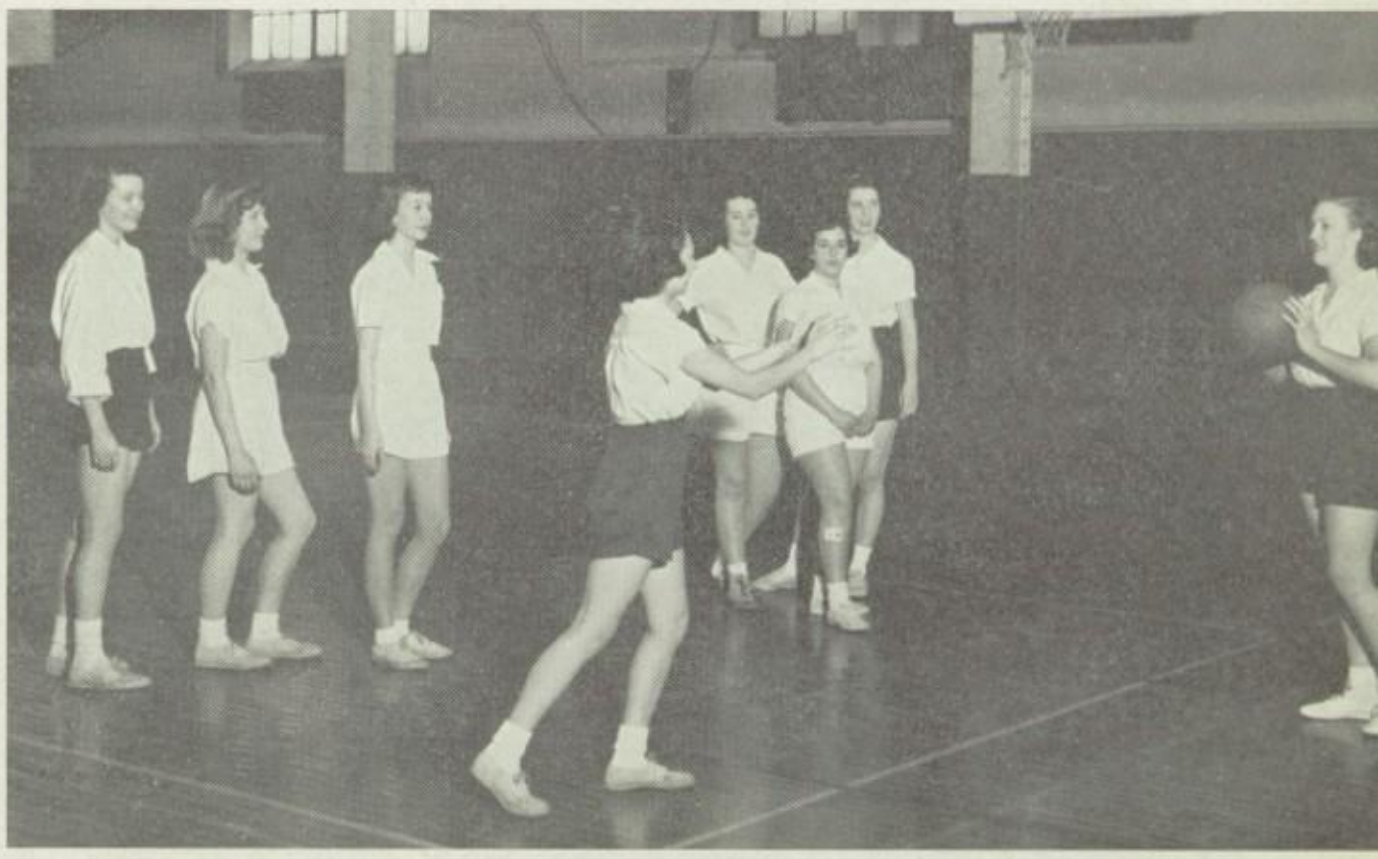
The beginning of the new year in the "little red school house" found all the girls from the freshmen to the seniors hustling down to the gym after school in the afternoon. The reason, of course, was the start of a new basketball season which everyone welcomed.

The freshmen were taught the different rules and plays at practice games while the sophs, juniors and seniors were busy brushing up on new and different sneaky plays. Miss Hummel worked on a new project this year of teaching her classes the guard zone defense. This system worked quite well and proved to be a great help to all teams that used it. While the guards were kept busy, the forwards were by no means idle. They also were trying new and different shooting techniques.

Color teams were selected from the girls who came out for after-school basketball. The teams selected a captain and a team name. The schedule for the color teams was set and it was decided that the games would take place Wednesday evenings. Each game proved to be an evenly divided match and it was often unpredictable just what team would come out on top.

When the last of these games had been played, the class teams were selected by the class managers and Miss Hummel. This job was not easy because of the small number of players on a team and the large number of exceptionally good players in the school. However, the teams were posted and the competitive games began. The sophomores, headed by Char Stringert, gave the juniors and the seniors their toughest battle. Captain Joan Heine led the seniors to first place and the juniors came out second.

Each well-played game in these contests showed that the girls had come a long way, both in athletic ability and in good sportsmanship.



Make this lay-up, Joan

Left to right: J. Clark, C. Davis, A. Stehman, J. Heine, P. Griffin, M. Mura, J. Haley, C. Brink.

Girls Athletic Association

MARGARET HUMMEL
Adviser

THE THREE R's SUPPLANTED BY SPORTSMANSHIP

OFFICERS

President . . . . . MILDRED SCHLARMAN
Vice-President . . . . . JOAN HEINE
Secretary . . . . . ALICE HAY
Treasurer . . . . . SHIRLEY SPRAGUE

The Girls Athletic Association of 1950-1951 chalked up another successful year on the blackboard. The first activity that was marked on the board took place during each home football game. The familiar G.A.A. girls sold red-hot hot-dogs, candy, and hot coffee to the shivering spectators.

While the girls were busy ordering weiners and buns for the football games, they were also preparing for their yearly bake sale. The money that was received was set aside to buy equipment for gym classes and after school sports.

Millie Schlarman, president, was constantly on the move to start a new project and find interesting topics to discuss at meetings. Millie and Miss Hummel, sponsor, worked together to plan the calendar for the school term. Miss Hummel always assisted in all the activities and directed the girls in sportsmanship and leadership. When Millie was absent, Joan Heine, vice-president, very capably took charge. Alice Hay took the roll and kept the minutes while Shirley Sprague kept an accurate financial record.

October and November were two busy financial months for the G.A.A. They played hockey at Leetsdale and defeated their opponents by a 2-0 score, went to the Pitt Stadium to witness the Pitt-Miami football game, and had a carnival. The carnival entitled "Country Fair" was held the day before Thanksgiving in the gym. Entertainment, fun, prizes, dancing, and refreshments were provided for everyone.

During December the girls played many basketball games with different local schools and continued these games in January. G.A.A. proved to be the victor in all the games.

During the second semester, the club went bowling, swimming, and had their traditional alumnae night. Recreation and entertainment were offered and a refreshing snack ended a delightful evening.

Tryouts for new members were held in March. Seven senior girls were graduating and their places had to be taken over by the underclassmen. Girls who were interested in becoming members of the club signed up and attended sessions where they were taught rules and regulations of all sports. A test for skills and a written test was given and the girls with the highest scores were accepted at the installation service on May 22.

The new members were in charge of the last event of the year which was a picnic held at North Park. They had complete charge of the food department and showed their initiative by managing the clean-up committee.

As the seniors received their G.A.A. pins at the end of the term, they looked at the G.A.A. blackboard of activities and knew that it would be quite some time before these things would be forgotten or erased at A.H.S.

Get that ball, Carrie

Left to right: C. Kelley, C. Brink.

Spike it, Marge

Left to right: M. Moellenbrock, D. Mawhinney.

Officers practice precision

Circle, *l. to r.*: M. Schlarman, A. Hay, S. Sprague, E. Burt. Top: J. Heine.

Come on out;
the weather's fine!

Left to right: G. Pauley, J. Cumming.

No fingers allowed!

Left to right: J. Nicklas, Miss Hummel, J. Carter.

Hockey

The thinkers — *Left to right:* C. Kelley, J. Heine, E. Zewe, P. Griffin, C. Brink, J. Haley, M. Ritter, M. Moellenbrock, J. Clark, N. Carroll, M. Mura, E. Burt, J. Cumming, M. Schlarman.

PUCK! PUCK! WHO'S GOT THE PUCK!

Back to school meant back to hockey for the sports-minded girls of Avalon High School. The first gym class was held in the locker room where the different rules, penalties, and regulations were discussed. The first few gym periods, held outside, were used to practice hitting, dribbling, bullying, and stopping. After the practicing the girls donned their shin guards and goalie guards and really played hockey.

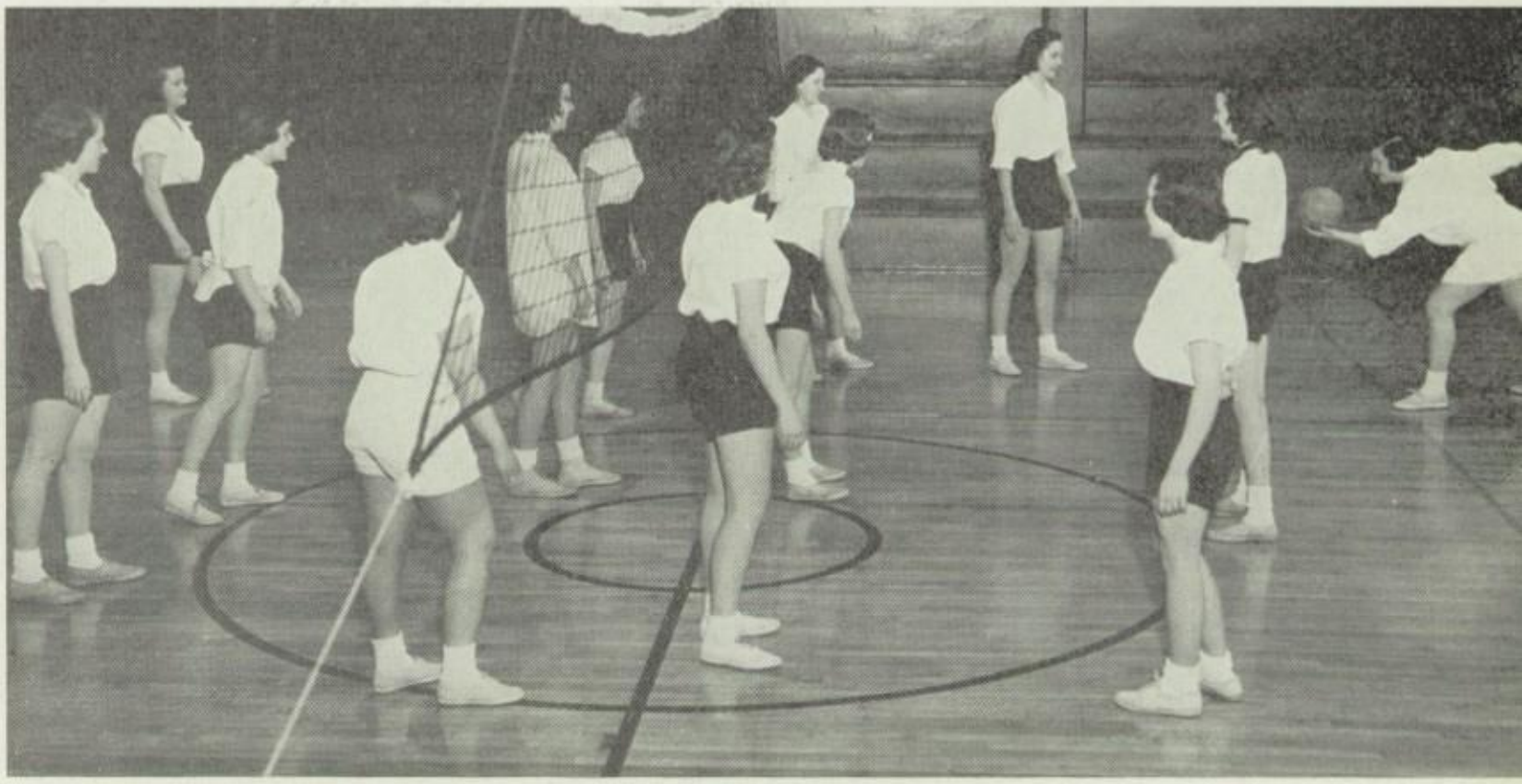
Every day, weather permitting, the girls played hockey games. Before color teams were chosen, they attended practice games where they organized teams. Shortly afterward the color teams started their games with victories in mind. E. Z. Zombies came out on top by winning four and losing none, while Cuddie's Commies ran a close second. Carroll's Barrells took third place and Haley's Green Hornets, a real hard fighting team, took the honors for last place.

Around the time that the color team contests were busily going on, a team composed of sophies and freshmen played Sewickley Academy on the latter's field. Avalon came out of the contest on top by defeating the Academy by one point.

The class teams were now ready to begin and the seniors were really at work to take all the games from the underclassmen. Their first game was with the fast-pacing freshmen. Although this was the freshies first year they put up a good battle being defeated by only three points. The senior string, piloted by Margie Ritter, chalked up three victories establishing them in first place. The juniors were next in line, then came the sophies, and last but by no means least the ever-challenging freshmen.

November found the girls putting away their hockey sticks for the end of another enjoyable season. The seniors felt that the sport of hockey would bring back many happy memories of their days spent in "the little red schoolhouse."

Volleyball



Make it good, Blabsy

Left of net, back row, *front to back:* E. Burt, E. Zewe, M. Schlarman.
Front row, *front to back:* M. Mura, M. Ritter, J. Heine.
Right of net, back row, *front to back:* J. Cumming, J. Clark, B. Rogers.
Front row, *front to back:* C. Brink, C. Kelley, N. Carroll, M. Moellenbrock.

UP AND OVER, LET'S GO!

As soon as the hockey sticks were put away, volleyball was on the agenda for the next few months. Sports life in the little schoolhouse was moved from the field to the gym, the net was put up, and practicing started. During the class periods, the girls were taught different skills used in volleyball. Spiking and serving were among the things taught to the girls by Miss Hummel.

Wednesday night was reserved for volleyball in the gym. Girls who wished to be on color teams came to the two practice games, signed up, and were placed on one of the teams. The teams were well chosen this year so the contest would be more interesting and exciting. After a few weeks, the tournament ended in a tie between two teams, captained by Babs Rogers and Eleanor Burt.

The organization of class teams took place immediately after the last color game. The senior eleven chose Babs Rogers as their captain and her excellent organization of the team and the enthusiasm of the girls brought the seniors out on the top. The junior team held the position of second place and they proved to be the most outstanding team in the tournament losing to the seniors by a slim margin of three points. Grace Pauley and Nancy Vaughn were two very important members of the junior team because of their ability.

The sophomores landed in third place with the enthusiastic freshmen close behind them. The freshmen lacked only experience and it was presumed that in a few years they would become stiff competition for upperclassmen.

After the last class team game was over, the volleyball net was taken down, folded, and put away for another season. Everyone agreed that there had been many fun-packed hours in all the games and that they would long be remembered by the graduated seniors.

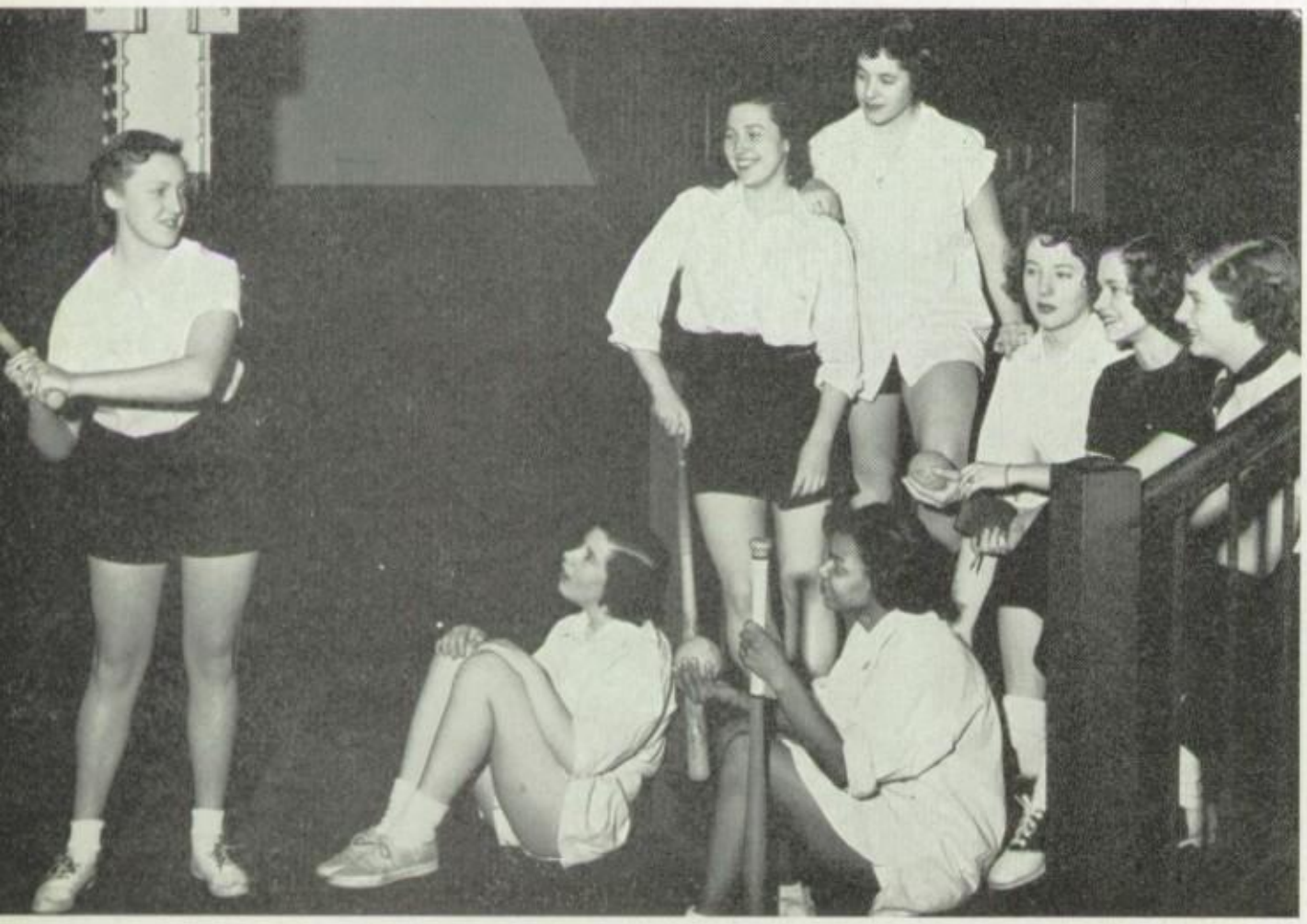
Softball

KNOCK THE APPLE AROUND

As soon as spring came and the weather permitted, the softballs, bats, and bases were taken down from the shelf, dusted off, and taken out to the field for another season of softball activity. Miss Hummel instructed the girls as to how to improve their pitching and batting skill. All the girls were eager to learn and played many games of roundsies while waiting to practice or to play on a team.

After a number of practice games were held, the color teams were chosen and the tournaments began. The color teams chose their captains and gave their team the name of a particular Indian tribe. Because of the increase in size of the field, two games were able to be played at the same time, and the tournament ended sooner than usual. The outstanding players from each color team were put on the class teams. Carolynne Brink and Joan Heine were two of the outstanding players on the senior team. The seniors were defeated by the quick acting juniors but won both of their other games. Alice Hay and Char Stringert were two of the hard-hitting players from the junior and sophomore class. The juniors tied for first place, being defeated by the sophomores. All the games were very close and the outcomes were a surprise to everyone.

When the last game of the softball season had been played the balls and bats were brought in from the field and placed on the shelf not to be used again for another year. All the girls were sorry to see the school term end for they had found the year packed full of fun in the wide range of sports activities Softball had been one of the best liked sports and the seniors found it hard to believe that they would not play on the field in class competing games.



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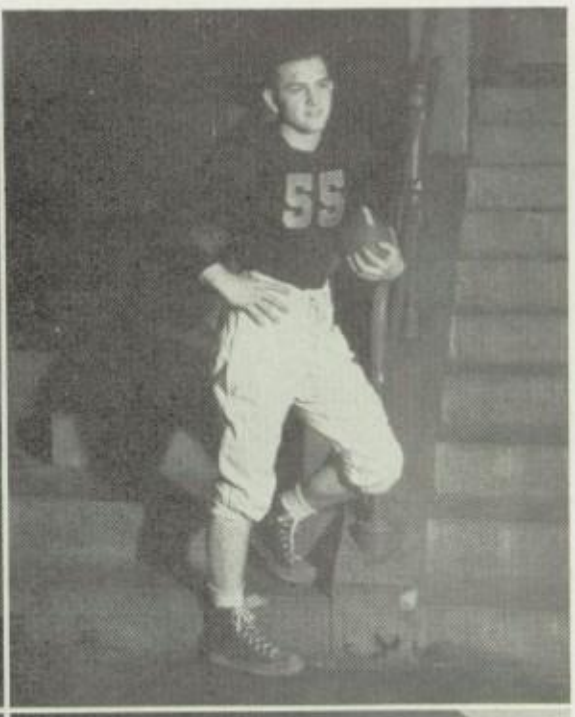

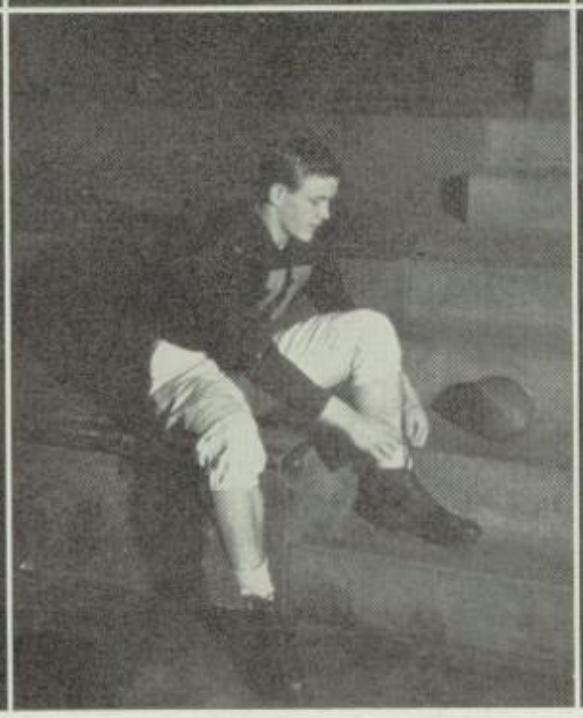

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M. Schlarman
D. Nusz

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J. Heine
B. McGinnis
C. Brink

The Class of 1951 was gifted with six students, who, because of their fine attitude, knowledge of rules, and skill, were chosen as outstanding pupils in the varied field of sports. Three boys and three girls have undoubtedly lived up to the standards of our sports at Avalon throughout their short high school careers.

Dick "Dasher" Domville, the quarter back of our unbeaten football team, by running with the pigskin for high yardage, played an important part in our winning the O. V. C. title. Dave Nusz captained our football team through seven victories and one tie. Dave's superior gridiron feats will make a name for him in college football. Mr. Touchdown A.H.S. was the appropriate title given to the speed demon of the team, Bruce McGinnis. He was small but tough, and scored 6 touchdowns. Separate recognition to these stars in basketball would seem unethical as they served as tri-captains on the team. Together, they worked cooperatively and apart they handled the ball with skill. These three captains certainly deserve the recognition of stellar athletes.

Mildred Schlarman, the president of the Girls Athletic Association, showed equal skill in hockey, basketball, volleyball and softball. Millie always kept the activities buzzing through her quality of leadership. Joan Heine gave girl participants plenty of competition, for she was the fastest senior on any team. Joan excelled, however, in basketball, in which she racked up high scoring honors. A lively member of all girls' sports was Carolynne Brink. She had endless determination and was difficult to outplay in any game.

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11. Big secret—the cheerleaders get new outfits.
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15. Congratulations to the little Panthers on their first game and victory. Avalon 20 — Neville 0.
17. Boys are looking for their girl friends today. Where are they looking? In room 11, of course!
18. Freshman girls get initiated into hockey.
20. Marg grabs Dave in a hurry for the *Travalon* weiner roast.
21. Double octette holds first practice.
22. Rain, rain go away, no more hockey for another day.
23. Orchids to the football team for holding Trafford to a tie.
26. Last day to buy your *Travalons*!
27. First assembly — and probably the last.
29. *Annual* salesmen — get to work pronto!
30. Tobin roasts his hot dogs with a ten foot pole.

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2. Period of mourning because of Haley's Hornets defeat.
4. Seniors prepare to present second assembly of the year.
6. Congratulations to Homecoming Queen Margaret Moellenbrock.
10. Take those letters off, girls. You didn't earn them.
12. Eighty cameras broken after seniors' visit to Strems'.
13. Homecoming and the Bellevue game a big success for everyone — from Avalon.
16. Seniors still preparing to present assembly.
18. Homer Greene startles everyone with an amazing experiment—ooh—is he lost!
20. Pen and Key holds "Parent's Day" and "Win or Lose Dance."
23. Mr. Dittmore speaks in assembly and everyone starts to THINK!
24. Alice Stehman wins Pennsylvania Week History Examination.
25. Mr. Gordon gets after those 18 year olds.
26. Chalk up another victory for the Panthers. Avalon 19 — Leetsdale 6.
27. Those seniors finally present that assembly—whoops!
31. G. A. A. invades Leetsdale and conquers them 2 - 0.

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4. Sorry, kids, but the team can't play in a foot of mud.
6. It was a tough one, but we made it. Avalon 7 — Sewickley 6.
7. Everyone smile pretty and say "cheese."
8. Mr. O'Rourke doesn't like *Annual* picture days.
9. Juniors get class rings. Janie, Ronnie would like to ask you something.
10. Judy Cumming selected Avalon's football queen. Congratulations, Judy.
11. Congratulations to the football team and Mr. Parker for giving Avalon its first undefeated season.
14. Dave Nusz and Bruce McGinnis are selected as the outstanding players from Avalon in O. V. C.
17. Sophomores become big wheels as they give "Club 53" as their annual party.
18. G. A. A. announces that there will be 69,304 prizes at the carnival. What?
21. Donnie and Jane dance to dreamy music at the Rotary Football Dance.
22. G. A. A. presents "Country Fair."
23. Don Kujawski keeps up his strength by eating two turkeys.
27. No school. Too bad it had to snow so much.
29. Will it never end?
30. Heck, it ended.

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4. Dry your eyes, Janet, Bill won't be gone *too* long.
5. First basketball game—oh well, you can't win 'em all.
8. Junior class can have an assembly also, and Tobin shocks Miss Carden.
9. Hi-Y boys lend aid to make the Christmas parade a success.
12. Seniors go broke—and also mad. Their pictures came back.
13. Chorus presents a successful concert—from behind snow banks.
15. Teachers pull out hair. It's *Annual* picture day again.
18. Senior play try-outs. Kelley gives the girls stiff competition.
19. It's for sure our basketball team isn't behind.
20. Avalon congregates at the Colonial to celebrate undefeated football season.
22. Gym of the "Little Red School House" changed to a starlite dance floor as dreamy couples swish by.
25. Huffie now has a twinkle on her finger as well as in her eye.
27. Senior play cast has practice—school or no school. Do you smell smoke?
31. It's a big night, but, of course, everyone was home by 11:30.

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2. It's so nice to be back again. Hey, did you look at the auditorium and gym?
3. Basketball team starts section games by defeating Leetsdale 49 - 27.
6. Eleanor and Marge on probation from G. A. A. with a C in gym. Shame, shame, girls.
8. Senior girls give "Victory! Victory!" a work out at Hopewell. It was a nice victory, too. 62 - 46.
10. Student Council gives school a break. Only two more days until the "Cinderella Hop."
12. Avonworth game. Of course, we beat them. 61 - 29. Eileen Zdinak crowned Cinderella for the night.
15. George starts his dictatorship by handing out startling proclamation.
16. Sewickley game proves our team can win even on an off night.
19. Finally, the big night is here. Naturally, "Junior Miss" was a big success.
22. Eleanor keeps the boys guessing since John went back to Indiana.
23. The Parker Theory again: Avalon can beat Bellevue without too much trouble.
25. Night before exams; everybody crams. This is poetry?
26. These underclassmen are always starting trouble. Now they're going to start detention hall.
29. Margie Rupert wants to wash that man right out of her hair.
31. Happy birthday, Angie.

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1. Student Council receives charter for National Honorary Society.
2. *Travalon* staff comes out with its version of "The Thing."
6. It looks as though Avalon is on its way to another section XVIII championship.
9. Oh my, I guess I'll let them take my *Annual* picture again.
10. Miss Gray becomes Mrs. Keiser.
11. Seniors start term papers. They're due tomorrow.
13. George takes his ducks to Chicago on the train—without water.
14. It's Sweetheart's Day. Dick Domville has a tough time deciding who his is.
16. Bairdy gets a new tooth. Smile pretty, Don.
17. *Travalon* has a bake sale. I guess every club has had its turn now.
20. Fifteen cheers for the champs again. Bellevue just doesn't rate anymore.
21. Flu strikes the town, but school must go on.
23. Bill Cable hands in a paper to Mr. Gordon's substitute.
25. Nancy is having a hard time trying to decide between Bill and Jim. Nice try, Jim.
27. Senior boys are still trying to find out who all those new freshman and sophomore girls are.

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1. Wha' hoppin' to Van Cavel?
3. Peggy Griffin has just decided that she does not give her stellar performance in bowling.
5. Senior class welcomes new boy, Jack Scott.
6. Avalon Panthers win first play-off game. Avalon 63—Wampum 52. Nice going, boys.
8. *Annual* staff burns the midnight oil; gets the yearbook to press.
9. Another holiday . . . for Glen.
12. New couple seen at the Bellevue Show sitting in the fifth row on the right side.
13. Panthers qualify for WPIAL finals by beating Verona 42 - 27.
15. Did you file your income tax report, Meiser?
16. Avalon revenges Irwin loss by defeating them 43 - 39 and becoming WPIAL champs.
19. March winds are blowing favorably for Avalon.
20. Avalon meets Cresson in state competition.
22. Judy is working on that "Mouse-trap" now that *Annual* has gone to press.
26. Did you find your Easter bunny yet?
30. Homer Greene and Bob Patterson are still fighting for typing class honors.

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1. Who was that I just heard talking in the hall? It must have been Harvey!
3. Did you hear the latest? "Bare-Knees" has been eating bread crumbs in French again.
6. Guess what? Buddy Mariner got to band on time.
9. *Travalon* literary staff: hand in your material.
10. *Travalon* literary staff: *please* hand in your material.
11. Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will not be an edition of the *Travalon* this month.
16. New janitress hired! Janet Haley takes over in Irene's absence.
17. Paul Arnette reports on Ralph Flannigan's short stories to Miss Carden.
19. Double octette has a new romance. — Joan and Bob.
20. Chorus and band hold a successful concert.
23. Alex Greenhill did it.
27. Our talented juniors present their play, "What A Life." A wonderful success.
28. Same couple seen up at Bellevue show—fifth row on the left side. We're all entitled to a change.
30. Milton warms up "Caddy" for May 16.

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MAY

1. Seniors: Only 43,200 minutes until graduation.
2. Dick and Buckethead have "golf fever" again.
3. Girls flock to field for championship softball games.
11. Rumor: PeeGee just found out there's another conjugation in French verbs besides the second.
14. Peg Pete still trying to remember how to finish words.
16. Senior picnic today — No, George, you can't take your ducks.
18. Those juniors didn't do bad at managing a prom after all — not bad at all.
19. No, seniors, you aren't through yet. Remember — exams?
22. G. A. A. initiates new members and installs new officers.
23. Mr. O'Rourke gets dizzy riding the merry-go-round at the school picnic.
27. Impressive sermon for seniors inspires everyone.
29. Everyone getting tearful at the thought of saying "farewell" to the Class of 1951.
31. WHEW! We made it!

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1. Milton caught sneaking back to find out what his unknown was.
2. The school is still managing to drag along without the Class of '51.
3. Underclassmen take exams, too.
4. Underclassmen don't like exams either.
5. No, Homer, you can't come back next year.
6. Did you hear they aren't going to hand out report cards anymore? Neither did I.
7. Gee, I hope we make it.
8. We did!! See you next September.

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I'm sorry about this ~~sermon~~. I don't really know what made me do it.

I really do some pretty stupid things at times (most of the time). I can't blame George for asking me if my Mother got me in a grab bag. As you said yesterday, "I'm supposed to be human" but most people haven't decided what I am or not."

Just remember even though you have told me all of those things. I do believe you. But you don't have to hold to them. Well we'll see. You never can tell about these things.

I hope you have a good year in everything. Good luck in sports. I know you can do it. I want to wish you nothing but the best all through your life. You deserve it.

All my love,

Liz.

P.S.

I'll be a freshman. Of course they call us Baby Freshman. I guess I can't even